

Leslie paired a rare 1930s rectangular rag rug with an antique French-Canadian dining table and an array of chairs dating from the 1880s. The home's original exterior walls are visible in the background.

"My husband kept saying, 'How can you buy a rug for a room we haven't broken ground on?'" Leslie Bacon recalls. "I said, 'Because I can see it.'"

bright idea!

Pinecones and evergreen branches offer an unfussy alternative to a floral centerpiece.

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Seven ways to capture the rustic warmth of Leslie and Michael Bacon's dining room

◀ **PINECONES** No pine trees in your yard? No problem. It's a cinch to have these natural beauties delivered! (From 98 cents; pinecones.com)



▼ **BOWL** This decorative resin vessel could pass for a folk-art classic. (\$66.95; 17"D x 6"H; grannyjanesattic.com)

