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If it ain't got that swing

A front porch without a swing is like a summer without sun. Husband-and-wife team Lee and Lori Zajic, proprietors of NW Renovation and Design Co., Portland, Oregon, built this one so they could make the most out of the spring and summer months.

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Instead of simply painting the swing, Lori distressed it by adding stains while the paint was still wet. She also sanded the wood to make uneven surfaces. This swing is made from mahogany and designed to withstand the Northwest's notorious rainy season, but the plan can just as easily be built with less-expensive lumber. Best of all, instead of simply

hanging the swing from eyebolts in the porch ceiling, Lee added a pair of high-tension springs between the bolts and the chain. The springs give a little extra bounce and make the gliding action smooth and easy.

Find a free weekend this spring, and you'll be able to make this design yourself. 🏠

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