Q: I’m looking for a brass or pewter doorknocker that has an Arts & Crafts motif. Do you know of any affordable sources? —Cathleen Thorsen, Billerica, Mass.

A: I did a powder room in Bradbury’s Fenway suite of papers featuring spiderwebs and stylized irises; I put a dragonfly doorknocker on its a batten Tudor-arch door, which one day I may polychrome and calligraph with the words “The Fens and Ladies Too”...I do like knockers as jewelry or whimsy! You might choose something rather plain with a medievalist feeling, like a forged ring and back-plate. Or, as you say, you might prefer something in a motif popular during the Arts & Crafts period, such as an owl or a raven, a carp, a Mackintosh rose, etc. Craftsman Hardware offers several iconic “Craftsman-style” knockers, similar to furniture hardware. Many rustic, colonial, and Old English designs would be suitable, too.

Bright brass was not favored in this period; consider cast brass with an antiqued, verdigris, or bronze finish, or iron or copper. Pewter hardware is harder to come by. Acorn Manufacturing has a ring in pewter. Rocky Mountain Hardware offers two ring-style knockers with a white-bronze patina that’s close in appearance to pewter. —Patricia Poore