

Decorator's Notebook

Redesigning Your Dwelling With Budget-Friendly, Do-It-Yourself Decor



You can create great storage places to keep your one-of-a-kind finds and still keep most of your money.

(NAPSA)—In today's tight economy, many people are trading off instead of trading up, according to a recent study by Yankelovich, and recommitting to their existing home in the process.

Luckily, whether your design taste is traditional, vintage, rustic or romantic, you don't have to go penniless for home improvement. You can revamp your space with savvy shopping for simple and affordable new accessories or do-it-yourself (DIY) projects. To help get started, there are some things you should consider:

Set a goal and budget for your remodeling face-lift. Scour magazines and catalogs and watch various design shows for inspirational ideas, looking for items that fit your aesthetic.

One-of-a-kind finds such as rugs, lamps, pillows, art and other accessories may be inexpensive and can provide an instant update to lackluster rooms. When it comes to furniture and room ac-

cents, pieces from different styles can be mixed and matched for an eclectic blend.

In addition to new accessories, quick DIY fixes, such as giving the walls a fresh coat of paint, reupholstering flea-market finds or replacing existing hardware and lighting fixtures, can make a dramatic improvement yet can still be inexpensive.

For smaller rooms or those prone to clutter, consider adding efficient storage, such as shelving or a DIY room organizer. These are excellent keep-it-all-together solutions to frame the TV, store DVDs or display that collection of vases and books. A laminate storage product, like ClosetMaid® Selectives®, can be easy to install and customized to fit a variety of needs and design visions.

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