

The Decorating News



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Great Decorating in One Day!

Great Decorating does not necessarily mean it has to take a lot of money or a great deal of time. The things that make a home fabulous are using unexpected elements in unexpected ways. Just because it's called a china cabinet...doesn't mean you have to store china in it. Don't get hung up on what the original purpose of the room was, use it how it works best for your lifestyle. Just because it is called a dining room, doesn't mean it can't be a sitting room. Think outside the box and have fun with your home!

Here are some inexpensive ideas to help you give your home a decorator's flair, many of them in just **One Day!!** Your goal is to have people walk into your room and say, "I never would have thought of that!"

1. Change your window treatments for the season by sewing two fabrics together and using a simple rod pocket. For example, use a soft yellow and blue floral for the summer months and the on back side use a richly colored fabric in greens and deep reds that will give the room visual warmth for the winter months. Simply flip the rod over when the season changes.
2. Bring your china cabinet into the living room. Remove the doors and decorate it with books, accessories, and family photos....mixed in with some of your china. This creates a great focal point in a room especially when the room is missing architectural focal points.
3. Hang a picture low between the bottom of the lampshade and the lamp table to create an element of surprise for the person seated in the chair.
4. Don't neglect the ceilings in your home. Paint them (any color but white) or wallpaper them. Add some interesting wood moldings to create a faux tray ceiling look.
5. Float your furniture in a V-shaped arrangement instead of the predictable L-shape.



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~Roberta's Favorites~

I recently discovered *Dinners Done Right*. What a treat! In less than two hours, I had 12 meals ready to bring home and place in my freezer. I've done Once-A-Month cooking for years, but *Dinners Done Right* provided meals I wouldn't normally prepare, such as Smoked Salmon with Penne Pasta, Apricot Dijon Glazed Chicken, Feta Cheese Turkey Burgers served in pita pockets with shredded spinach (Mmm! Are you hungry yet?) Each meal has been a big hit with my family. The meals are delicious and I can alter the recipe as I put it together at the kitchen to suite my family's taste preferences.

Are you ready to give yourself the gift of time? Visit www.dinnersdoneright.com to set up your session. It's easy, delicious and a real time saving, stress relieving treat for anyone!!

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6. Add elements of comfort to your room. It is equally important that a room "feels" good as well as "looks" good. For example:



- Add an ottoman for your feet instead of a conventional coffee table.
- Bring down the antique dresser or chest from your guest room. Give it a place of honor in the living room or foyer.
- Other interesting curtain rod ideas for your room can be using old golf clubs, tennis racquets, copper plumbing, or PVC pipe painted with a faux finish.
- Use a horizontal plate rack to create an instant cornice over your window. Add a scarf to it and then change the plates with the season.
- Add a glass round to the top of a bird bath to create an interesting side table.
- Stack old suitcases to create an instant lamp table.
- Hot glue or sew bullion fringe to the bottom of your ready made draperies to create an instant custom look.
- Frame the unusual; how about a collection of antique door knobs or old silverware.



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