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# Design Your Own Unique Décor Through Arts, Crafts

Creative accessories can pull room together



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Since the time of cave dwellings, humans have expressed themselves through artistic detail in their surroundings.

There are endless possibilities and combinations imaginable for accessorizing your home in a unique and unforgettable way. Start by collecting individual pieces or add to an existing collection in your travels. Arrange your collections on walls or tabletops around a room. These personal touches make homes more interesting and unify the spaces they inhabit. It's fun to add to your collections while on a trip, so each time you look at that piece or collection, it brings back memories of a fun time.



Antique prints look wonderful hanging together where you have large spaces to fill. Add the unexpected, like the carved wood fragment from an old chateau found in France, placed in the center of this collection of Swedish architectural antique prints. In this room, the doors were much shorter than the ceiling, so I hung oil paintings above them.

This large Grecian oil painting is flanked by two iron obelisks and helps to compensate for the off-centered fireplace.



Accessorizing over this brown-and-cream, toile wall covering was a bit of a challenge. By keeping every accessory on the fireplace mantle in browns, creams, and golds, there was a harmonious blend of colors and textures that kept the accessories of toile tapestry plates and wood carvings unified, instead of opposing one another.



Notice the 3-foot space over the arched opening in this breakfast room. This was the ideal spot to hang a unique bull's eye mirror flanked by a pair of Italian, hand-painted, faience chargers.

This 8-foot French hutch may seem large. But when placed next to a 12-foot wall, there are 4 feet left above — the perfect place to display this large collection of fruit prints. Open shelves on the French hutch are a handy setting to show off the client's collection of green majolica ceramics.



A large antique tapestry and mirror are a wonderful way to create drama in a room. Also notice the large scale lamps on the console, the Lucite obelisks, and large bronze bowl with hand-blown glass balls. If these accessories were smaller, they would be out of scale for this dining room's high ceiling.

Art and accessories are more than just pretty objects to look at. As you can see, they can solve architectural problems, pull a room's color scheme together, or add texture and variety to an uninteresting space.

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