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DO-IT-IN-A-DAY PROJECTS

dreamy inspiration for the
MASTER BED & BATH

ideas for a QUICK & EASY
KITCHEN refresh

creative solutions for
unused SPACES

simple, one-of-a-kind
KIDS’ & TEENS’ ROOMS
THE POWER OF COLOR

Painting is the quickest, easiest and most cost-effective way to transform the look of any space. It’s truly amazing what a fresh, new coat of beautiful color can do.

Here are some of our favorite ideas for refreshing the look and even increasing the functionality of the most important rooms of your home. They’re simple, fun and budget-friendly — and the best part is that every one of these projects can be done in just one day.

Now let’s get started …

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From newborn nurseries to teenage dreams, here are our best designer-inspired (and kid-approved) projects.
A haven for relaxation, your master bed and bath should be a retreat from the hassles of the everyday world — a space where you can rest, unwind, recharge and dream.

Though usually tucked away from the more active areas of the home, these rooms are often directly visible to one another. So it’s especially important to consider how the palettes of these rooms work together and complement each other.

Here are some terrific ideas on how to use color to unify these spaces and transform them into a beautiful and harmonious master suite.
DREAM IN COLOR
A splash of fabulous color transforms this thrift-store find into a headboard that is truly eye-catching.

RETRO REVIVAL
Give new life to a worn vintage dresser. Simply paint each drawer a slightly darker shade of the color directly above it to create a stunning “ombre” effect.
FRAME BY FRAME
Create a one-of-a-kind work of art by painting unfinished wood picture frames and layering them on your wall. Pull the colors from your master bedroom palette to tie the two rooms together.

POP ART
Painting an accent wall is the ultimate DIY project. Use a bold or vibrant color on just one wall to highlight a piece of artwork, or to simply create a natural focal point in a room.
Shabby chic style is all about taking something old and giving it new life. Transform weathered shutters, picket fencing or even a pair of antique wooden doors (like these) with your favorite paint color. Mount them to the wall behind your bed to create a one-of-a-kind headboard that exudes rustic charm.

Ceiling, Back Wall: Vintage Treasure® 20D-4
Side Walls: Summer Romance 20D-2
Door Headboard: Clear Day 1024
Basket Chest: Garden Patch 26C-5
Chandelier: Totally Charming 07D-1
Trim, Wainscoting: Frost CW-6

Side Tables: My Sanctuary 27C-6

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MIX & MATCH

Use a palette of soft hues to breathe new life into thrift-store finds or cherished family heirlooms. Paint mismatched end tables in the same color to create a charming uniform look. Or take two matching furniture pieces and paint them in different colors from the same palette, to add a cohesive feel to your master suite.

IF THE SHOE FITS

It’s all about the shoes! One clever way to organize your favorites is to display them like art. Simply attach strips of crown molding to your wall, paint them in the trim color, then hang your shoes from them. Go one step further and paint the wall in a bright, cheerful hue taken from your bedroom palette, to highlight your fabulous collection.
Add a bit of drama to your bedroom with this stunning graphic of colorful squares. Simply graph out your pattern with strips of painter’s tape, then paint each square using a random mix of three to five of your favorite palette colors.

Walls: The Golden Hour 21A-4
Trim: Sweet Escape 21A-2

Purple Squares: Sumptuous Purple 42B-7
Green Squares: Swaying Palm Trees 25B-7
Teal Squares: Dreamcatcher 35B-6
Brown Squares: Bird’s Nest 16A-5
FAUX WAINSCOTING
Create the look of expensive, molded wainscoting. Simply apply a strip of chair rail molding directly to the lower portion of your wall, then apply squares of picture molding beneath it. Finish the look by painting the chair rail and everything below it in the same color as your adjoining master bedroom.

LADDER TO SUCCESS
Give new purpose to an old basement cast-away with paint. With a touch of bold color, an old ladder can be transformed into a fun and unique-looking towel rack.
The kitchen is everyone’s favorite room of the home. It’s where every busy morning begins and every great party ends.

Since this is the place that people love to gather in the most, it’s especially important to make sure your kitchen looks its very best. However, this doesn’t necessarily need to entail months of costly renovations.

Sometimes, just some inspirational ideas and a fresh coat of paint is all that is needed to give your kitchen a completely new look!
TWICE AS NICE
Bring new life and a touch of architectural interest to dated cabinets by using this simple two-toned paint finish. Paint the center panels a creamy off-white and accentuate the outer panels with a color that’s a few shades darker. Complete the look by replacing old knobs and pulls with farmhouse-styled hardware to give your cabinets a charming cottage look.

FRONT AND CENTER
Create a focal point — as well as additional storage space — by hanging a pot rack over your kitchen island. Painting your island and pot rack in the same cheerful hue unifies the room while adding a welcome splash of color to your kitchen.

COTTAGE
Interior Cabinet Panels, Ceiling: Inspire Awe 3058
Exterior Cabinet Panels: Play It Cool N-C2
Walls: Smokey Taupe N-C6
Kitchen Island, Pot Rack: Autumn Apples 04B-7
Moldings and Trim, Windows: Chalk CW-C2

HEART OF THE HOME
MIX IT UP
Whether you purchase or inherit furniture and décor elements in varying styles — such as classic, modern or vintage — you can combine or refresh them easily with the use of color. For example, this traditional wood table gets a chic and fashionable update with a coat of bright yellow paint that pairs beautifully with these super-modern chairs.

ON DISPLAY
A contemporary palette of heather gray sets the stage for your mixed collection of heirloom china, vintage kitchen accessories and modern décor elements. Display your collection on easy-to-install open-shelf units. Paint the shelves in a crisp, bright white to make them stand out.

Wall: Chilled Not Frozen 39A-2U
Ceiling: Between the Clouds 39A-1U
Cabinets, Trim: Silent White CW-C1U
Kitchen Table: Brilliant Sunshine® 19C-6U

ECLECTIC
MODERN

PREFAB TO FABULOUS
Transform an ordinary, prefabricated kitchen island into a customized conversation piece. Simply add strips of wood molding arranged into basic squares or a fun geometric design. Paint the molding strips a few shades lighter or darker than the island color to make them pop.

MAKE A SPLASH
A great-looking, easy-to-clean backsplash without a tile in sight? It can be done quite easily with this clever and inexpensive idea. Start by painting the backsplash in your favorite color. Next, adhere a custom-cut, clear, acrylic panel over the painted area. The result is a beautiful high-sheen finish that is also a breeze to clean up.
MAKE IT WORK

UNUSED SPACES

At one point or another, we all find ourselves with an underutilized or unused space in our home that is just waiting to be repurposed. When space is an issue, simplicity is key — and inspiration and organization are a must.

Here we explore three clever and creative ideas for transforming a basement, a spare room and even a closet into beloved spaces to live in, play in and enjoy.

GET CRAFTY

Being an artistic, creative person calls for an inspirational space to work in. Convert a spare room into a colorful, organized space that will serve as your outlet for creativity. Basic cabinets and shelves take on a designer look when painted in lively coordinating colors. Shelf backs painted in a different color add a fun and unexpected décor element.
Architectural details such as trim and molding can do a lot to dress up a space. Create a new twist on an old classic by doubling up on your trim. Place a strip of molding several inches below the crown molding of the entire room. Next, place a strip of molding several inches above the baseboard of the entire room. Paint the areas between the molding strips in a shade slightly darker than the main wall color. A bright-white molding adds an elegant finishing touch.

BRIGHT IDEA
A repurposed wooden bistro chair and a vintage chandelier become the focal point of this room, with this dramatic yet inexpensive transformation done simply with a coat of yellow paint.

Walls: So Sophisticated N-C17U
Upper, Lower Walls: Smokey Eyes N-C22U
Hutch, Sewing-Desk Shelf Backs: Paris Runway 33D-3M
Chair, Chandelier: The Bright Side® 19D-4M
Trim, Sewing Desk: Silent White CW-C1U
WORK IT
No room for a home office? Create your own with this simple idea. Transform an unused hall closet into a small workspace by adding just a few simple shelves. Use paint to make it pretty and personal.

TAKE A SEAT
A comfortable desk chair is a must for any workspace, but you don’t have to buy new. Consider giving an extra dining chair or flea-market find a quick makeover with a few coats of paint in a fun color that complements your new “office.”
LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION
Soothing shades of lavender set the stage for a comfy in-home theater. Create faux sound panels with plywood painted in varying shades of the same color. Paint the ceiling in the deepest shade of that color to create a dramatic effect. Then sit back, grab a snack and enjoy the feature presentation.

SNACK ATTACK
Transform an old desk into an ingenious snack stand. Simply remove the cabinet doors to make room for a small refreshment fridge, then paint the desk in your favorite hue from the room palette. Add a couple of brightly painted stools and cheerful throw pillows for a vibrant accent of color.

NOW SHOWING
Add a touch of theatrical flair to an ordinary wall-mounted TV screen by framing it with strips of simple picture molding painted in your trim color.
Kids grow up in a blink of an eye, and with every stage they go through, new likes, dislikes and favorites emerge. This is especially true with their bedroom décor. Updating your child’s room at various stages — from infant to toddler to teen — gives your child a personalized place to blossom and grow.

As with other rooms in your home, color choice is an important and collaborative decision, especially as your child gets older. These unique room ideas are a great source of inspiration and the perfect way to help your child start on his or her own color journey.

**PATTERN PLAY**

A playful argyle pattern gives this room a sweet yet sophisticated look. Using painter’s tape, create simple diamond patterns on your wall, then fill them in with alternating coats of soft pink and dark gray. Once dry, add a stitched effect by overlapping the diamond pattern with a thin, solid or dashed line in a creamy white.

**A PERFECT PAIR**

Loved by little girls everywhere, pink says pretty, perfectly. A shade of soft pink peeks through on the shelf backs of this dresser, painted in classic gray. Pair these colors with accents of sweet pea green and soft shades of white for an added cheerful touch.
SPLISH SPLASH
A classic bead board adds instant style to this kids’ bathroom. Select two different shades of paint from the same color family — one for the woodwork and one for the wall. Finish the top of the bead board with a strip of crown molding to create shelving that’s perfect for displaying a few kid-friendly accessories.

CUTE CUBBIES
A prefabricated shelf unit becomes customized and fun when painted in three alternating colors. The result is playful, easy-access storage for favorite tub toys.
TODDLER PLAYROOM

ONE STEP AT A TIME
Step into a world of fun and creativity with a few unexpected touches of color. A quick way to dress up the stairs to the playroom is to paint the treads in a rainbow of coordinating, kid-approved colors.

ART SHOW
Display those one-of-a-kind, kid-created masterpieces with this simple DIY project. Arrange strips of molding into a grid-like pattern. Paint the finished frame in a brighter shade of the main wall color. Add a small nail to each square and hang art with binder clips.

PLAY FAVORITES
Color-code playroom shelves and storage bins for quick cleanup and organization. Crayon-inspired colors playfully tie into the stair treads, fabrics and furniture.

Walls: Rise and Shine® 20C-2U
Reading Nook Wall, Yellow Stair Fronts: Chatterbox 19C-4M
Orange Stair Fronts, Shelf Backs: Hokey Pokey® 10C-6N
Green Stair Fronts, Shelf Backs: Ready Set Go 27D-4N
Teal Stair Fronts, Shelf Backs: Awesome 32D-5N
Trim, Cabinets: Chalk CW-C2U
DRESS IT UP
Add an unexpected touch of glam to dresser drawers by painting the inside edges in your teen’s favorite color. Use the same color on every drawer, or mix it up with multiple complementary hues.

IN YOUR DREAMS
A hand-painted faux headboard is a unique way for your teen to make a statement. Creating this beautiful damask wall treatment is quite easy. Using the wall as the canvas, simply mask the area with painter’s tape, using the width of the mattress as your guide. Select two favorite shades of contrasting paint and allow your teen to create her own beautiful work of art.
TEEN BOY

THE FINISH LINE
Quick and easy wall treatments, such as a simple accent wall in a bold color or vertical stripes in contrasting colors, add instant and unexpected visual interest to a room. Let his favorite colors — or favorite team — inspire your color choices. Mask walls with painter’s tape in desired widths. Alternate color stripes for a winning look.

COOL DETAILS
Make a great light fixture really stand out with a custom ceiling medallion. Select an easy geometric shape or create your own using painter’s tape and a few colors from the room palette.

Back Wall: Exploration 3068
Dark-Brown Stripes, Trim: Treasure Chest 3054
Left Wall, Blue Stripes: Air Guitar 36C-7
Orange Stripes, Nightstand: Hawaiian Sunset* 10C-6
Ceiling: Natural White CW-W1
Once you've selected your colors, insist on Clark+Kensington paint to ensure the truest, most accurate color. Available in six spectacular finishes, it provides the highest performance technology, with the convenience of paint and primer in one. Tintable samples are also available and are the perfect size for small projects that require small amounts of multiple colors.

Actual paint color may vary due to change in color chip, lighting, surface conditions and paint selected.

✦ Available as a ready mix.
✼ Additional coats recommended.
✝ Tinted Primer recommended.