

COLLEGE CORNER

Smart Dorm Room Designs Please Parents And Students

(NAPSA)—One of the first lessons many college students learn is smart space-management. Students often quickly realize how to turn a dorm room—which at first glance may seem short on space and possibilities—into a study, bedroom and even social area.

To help students make their dorm rooms feel more comfortable, decorators say it's important to remember that rooms are an expression of personality.

They suggest students think about who they are, what they like to do and how they want others to perceive them, then decorate to reflect their individual styles.

To help students make the most of their space, decorators from Linens 'n Things offer students the following tips:

- **Begin with your bed**—The bed is usually the largest piece of furniture in the room and therefore becomes its focal point. Choose bedding that not only looks good, but feels good as well (after all, you'll be using it as a couch half the time). Once you've decided on a covering, such as a comforter or polar fleece blanket, accessorize with sheets, decorative pillows or shams and a bed skirt.

Remember, dorm beds are generally five inches longer than traditional twin beds. Stores such as Linens 'n Things carry extra long sheets that may come in handy.

- **Keep clutter to a minimum**—Storage containers can mean the difference between organizing your closet and *living* in one. Unlike a generation ago,



It's a smart idea for college students to make their dorm rooms as comfortable as possible.

when "storage" tended to mean "stored away," today's storage solutions are lightweight, colorful and can easily be made part of the decor. On the walls, over the windows, behind the door, on the floor or under the bed, today's storage units combine form and function.

- **Personalize the place**—Decorate with pictures that remind you of home. Family photos and treasured mementos can go a long way towards making the most of a small space. Bring some frames in an assortment of colors and styles to showcase your artwork and ancestry.

For more information, visit www.linensnthings.com.