

# Decorator's Notebook

## There's No Place Like Home

(NAPSA)—An updated kitchen. A luxe living room. A cozy family room. Everyone has a home-makeover wish list. Rather than hiring an expensive decorator, revamp your home with simple tips that will transform personal living spaces into special retreats for family and friends.

To help make a house a home, Kimberly-Clark, the maker of brands such as Kleenex facial tissue, Cottonelle bath tissue and Huggies diapers, has teamed up with Thom Filicia, from television's "Dress My Nest" and author of "Thom Filicia Style," to share practical tips to revamp favorite spaces and give rooms the look for less. After all, it's Thom's design belief that homes should be an extension of personal style. For thought starters, check out the design guru's tips below, or head to [www.RoomADayGiveaway.com](http://www.RoomADayGiveaway.com) for sensible design solutions.

Here are some of Thom's favorite tips:

- **Make Your Home Inviting:** Put comfort first. Select furnishings for their usability. Choose beautiful, comfortable dining chairs rather than delicate antiques, and opt for a cushy sofa with plenty of pillows.

- **Find Inspiration in Your Personal Belongings:** When selecting a room's color scheme,



take cues from your own wardrobe and favorite objects.

- **Design on a Dime:** Forget high-end art galleries. A great way to stay on budget is to enlarge your favorite photo on a canvas or frame your children's artwork to add some playful elements to a room.

- **Brighten Up the Atmosphere:** Well-placed pools of light create islands of warmth. Place votives in darkened corners or put a reading lamp with a soft light next to a cozy chair to help set the mood.

- **Will Work for Furniture:** Peruse local flea markets, auction houses and secondhand markets for low-cost decorating treasures. Always wanted a designer piece? Online, you can find a multitude of acceptable options for a fraction of the cost.

To learn more about Thom Filicia's tips and how to win \$25,000 to transform your home, visit [www.RoomADayGiveaway.com](http://www.RoomADayGiveaway.com).