

Give Your Child's Room The Ultimate Makeover

Paige Hemmis Of "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition" Offers Tips On Room Redecoration

(NAPSA)—Kids' likes and dislikes change as they grow. Favorite colors, toys, hobbies, sports and what they want in their rooms can change from year to year. The traditional "out-with-the-old" spring cleaning—getting rid of unwanted clothes, shoes and toys—takes place in the early months each year. Redecorating and helping kids create a special place of their own can take place year-round.

A room redecoration project can be a fun family activity, providing parents and children with quality time and lasting memories. To make the most of all room décor projects, skilled carpenter and homebuilder Paige Hemmis, from ABC's "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition," offers tips to help parents successfully redecorate on every size and budget:

- **Ask for Decorating Suggestions from the Child**—A great way to make a child's room a special place for him or her is to choose colors, furniture and décor items that he or she likes. For inspiration, kids can visit www.pollypocket.com to play a fun game that allows them to help decorate Polly's "Beautiful Bedroom" online by choosing fun colors, furniture and accessories.

- **Follow the Child's Lead**—Support his or her ideas, even if they don't necessarily work out. This is a chance for kids to be creative and express their thoughts.

- **Go Shopping Together**—Visit hardware and fabric stores with the child and let him or her



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help pick out unique paint colors and fabrics for his or her room.

- **Dare to Mix More Costly Items with Budget-Friendly Finds**—Adding inexpensive, plain wood or plastic shelving to a child's room allows him or her to decorate each shelf in a way that best suits his or her personality and won't break the bank.

- **Choose Accessory Pieces that Reflect the Child's Interest**—Room décor items that highlight his or her favorite dolls and toys, such as the Polly Pocket™ Bubble-Tastic™ Lamp that glows in four different colors and the Fountain Falls™ Playset that doubles as a cool water fountain for kids' rooms, are terrific room accompaniments. Decorative pillows in their favorite colors and shapes are also fun accessories.

- **Personalize the Space**—Give children the feeling of ownership in their rooms by adding

personalized items and creating special spaces for them to customize. The Polly Pocket™ Stylin' Sticker Maker™ Playset lets children create their own stickers with ease, allowing them to decorate picture frames, journals or just about anything. In addition, the Polly Pocket™ Twirl and Swirl™ Jewelry Case opens to reveal three levels of storage for small dolls/accessories and personal items; it also comes with fun stickers for decorating.

- **Enjoy Spending Quality Time Together**—Make sure to stop and enjoy time well spent while collaborating on the decoration project.

Room decoration projects are great ways for parents to learn more about—and embrace—their child's ever-changing likes and dislikes. By using Paige Hemmis' tips, parents can tailor room décor projects to fit their child's wants and their budget's needs.