

HINTS FOR HOMEOWNERS

Transform Your Living Spaces Into Dream Spaces

(NAPSA)—Most everyone interested in decorating finds inspiration from magazines, television, neighbors' houses, and even just within our own imagination. But often, the looks we fall in love with are more costly than we can afford. In fact, according to a national survey conducted by Impulse Research, 43 percent of Americans only plan to spend \$25 to \$100 on a home improvement or home décor project. The survey also found that cost is the biggest deterrent to taking on new projects. So it stands to be said: how do you create a designer look without spending a bundle?

The Designer Look For Less

One of the best ways to redecorate a space inexpensively is with paint. Combined with part inspiration and part imagination, using paint to transform a space is the perfect recipe for a designer update at a bargain price. Indeed, according to the survey, paint is the number one product people use when embarking on a do-it-yourself home décor (or home improvement) project.

Rust-Oleum, the leading manufacturer of quality rust-preventive, general purpose, decorative and specialty paints and finishes, in conjunction with interior designer Ruth Mortensen, ASID, recently produced *Dream Spaces*, a free, do-it-yourself decorating booklet. The 20-page color booklet is brimming with project ideas that use today's hottest colors and finishes. Each project in the *Dream Spaces* booklet can be created in a weekend or less, and according to the survey, that's exactly how much time the majority of people plan to spend on a do-it-yourself project.

The *Dream Spaces* booklet takes the small-project approach, with the theory that little accents



here and there create a whole that is highly individualized and reflects the unique personality of the owner. The key according to Mortensen is “be adventurous; color and texture add life to any space.”

Here are a few fun ideas from the booklet:

Kitchen Nook

Bring a touch of Provence into your kitchen by gathering mismatched chairs and creating a matched set by painting them all one color (or coordinated colors) in bright yellows and blues.

Patio/Backyard

Transform old, dated patio furniture into a stunning designer collection by spraying with Rust-Oleum's textured bronze spray paint.

Kids' Room

There are some things that are cool about school! Convert any surface into a chalkboard with Chalkboard paint—great for keeping lists, doodling or just having fun.

Free Booklet Offer

To receive a free *Dream Spaces* booklet, send your name and address on a postcard to “*Dream Spaces* Booklet Request,” 43 N. Canal Street, Chicago, IL 60606 or request one online at rustoleum.com. For more inspirational ideas visit paintideas.com.