



Decorator's Notebook

You Can Add Flair And Function To Your Rental

(NAPSA)—There's good news for people who rent. With a little creative thinking and some innovative products, rental properties can be warm, welcoming, workable and wonderful.

Here are some tips on how to get the most out of your space.

Be Colorful

Many renters are stuck with neutral walls due to harsh paint restrictions, so build your color palette with furniture and accessories. Bright slipcovers transform living room furniture into statement pieces that pop against white walls. Patterned accent pillows, fresh flowers and colorful accessories add even more depth to your design.

Create an Entryway

In an apartment or small home, full-sized foyer closets are a rarity. By placing a ClosetMaid® 3-Cube Bench near your front door, you can create your own stylish “drop zone” for keys, shoes and bags. Try



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Scale Back

When a Realtor shows a rental property, he or she often stages it with small furniture to make it look larger. Try this trick when designing your space. Choose small slim pieces as opposed to heavy oversized furniture to create the illusion of more space and use glass tables, which let light pass through them.

Customize Closets

One of the most frustrating things about renting can be the lack of storage space. Many rental property closets only offer a single hang rod and shelf. To organize closets without installing permanent shelving, try ClosetMaid Stackable Storage products. These freestanding units can be stacked to add drawers, shelves and shoe storage and are easily taken with you when you move.

For more ideas about how to make your rental workable, visit www.ClosetMaid.com.