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AN A+ SPACE

WHETHER IT'S A CHILD'S ROOM AT HOME OR A DORM ROOM ON CAMPUS, NOW'S THE TIME TO HAVE A LITTLE FUN REDECORATING BEDROOMS FOR STUDY AND PLAY.

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KIDS' & TWEENS' BEDROOMS

Add Paint

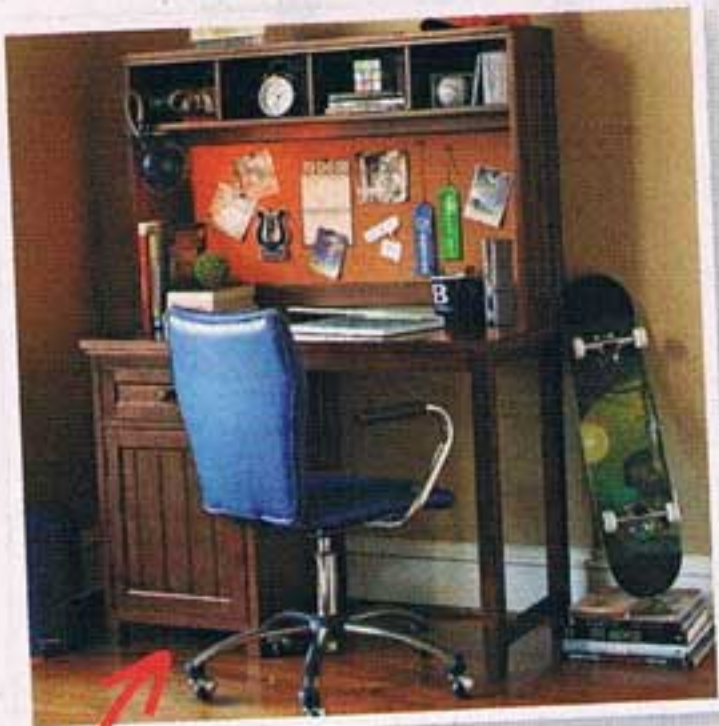
You can immediately transform a bedroom with a new coat of paint. If you want to create a space that grows with your child, stay away from pastels. Instead, opt for vibrant colors like turquoise, lime and orange that can transition with them through their teenage years. If you don't want to commit to painting the entire space, an accent wall can make a big difference. Also, think about using magnetic or chalkboard paint to turn a wall or even closet doors into a creative outlet for your child.

Clear Floor Space

Instead of placing the bed in the center of the bedroom, maximize the space by putting it against the wall, so that it can be a daybed with lots of fun toss pillows. By doing this you'll create a multipurpose room with plenty of floor space that your child can use for homework projects or to hang out with friends on beanbags or floor cushions.

Get Organized

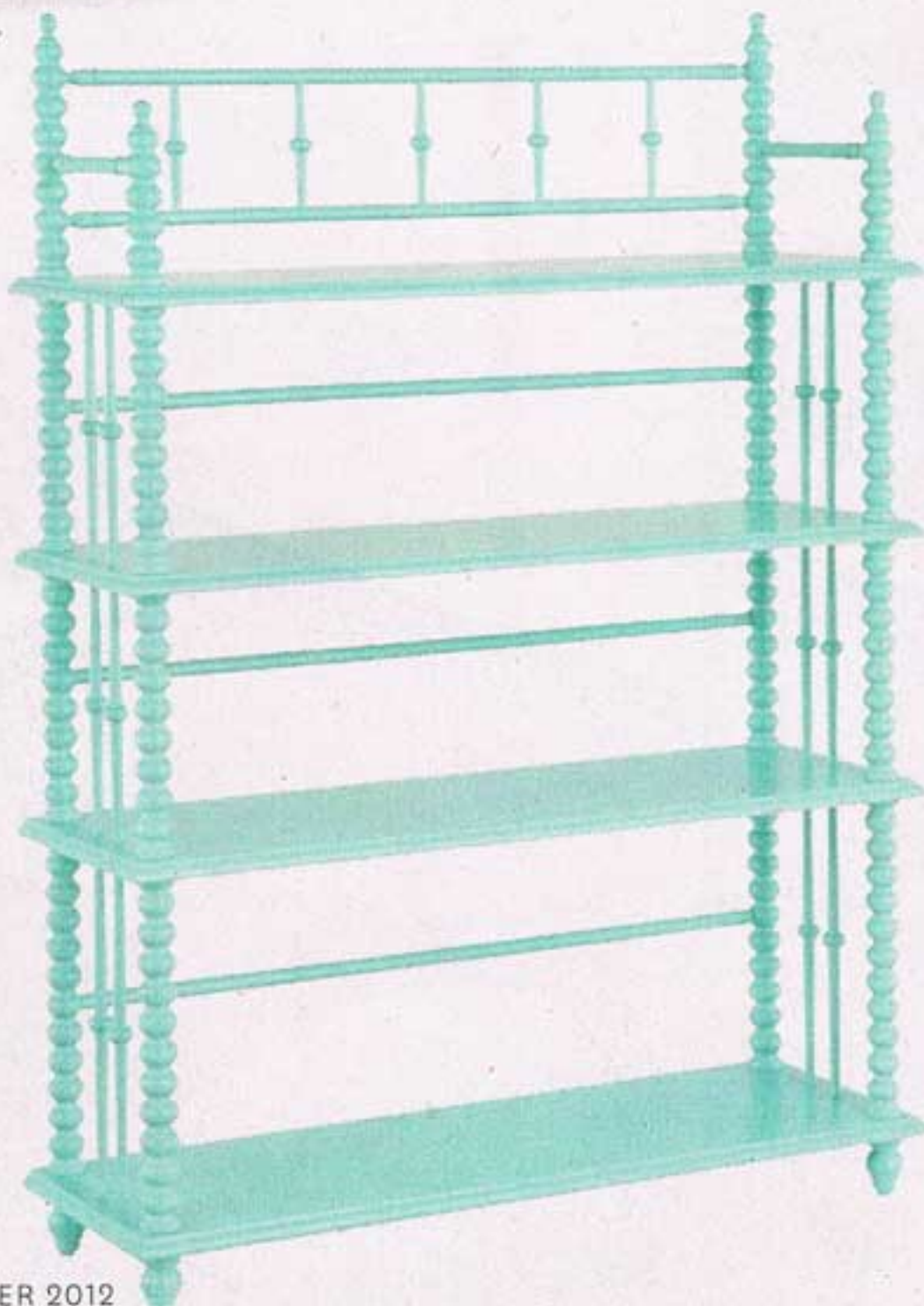
Keep your kids organized by providing a place for everything. Floating shelves to display trophies take advantage of the walls' height. Basic corkboards can be given a stylish makeover by covering with fabric and using them to show off photos, diplomas and ribbons. And bookcases can be used with or without bins to store book bags, sports equipment or musical instruments.



In a small bedroom, choose furniture that performs double duty. For example, a desk can also work as a nightstand next to the bed or a vanity if you hang a mirror on the wall above it.

DESK Pottery Barn Teen, \$229, pbteen.com

BOOKCASE Jenny Lind Collection, \$299, landofnod.com



DECAL PICTURE FRAMES
Butch & Harold, \$20, dormify.com

COLLEGE DORMS

Think Creatively

The challenge with a dorm room is that this small space has to function as a bedroom, study area, dining room and living room, which means every square foot needs to be taken into consideration. A loft-style bed will free up additional living space for a desk or sitting area. However, if the dorm comes with a generic twin bed, you can give it your own style by using a tall bookcase with curtain panels on the front as a headboard. (Use a simple tension rod to hang the curtains.) This will give you hidden storage and a decorative backdrop, too. If necessary, buy low-cost accent furniture that requires minor assembly and is easy to move at the end of the school year.

Get Artistic

A common restriction with dorm rooms is that painting and drilling into the walls are not permitted. The goal then is to add color in the room with accessories. Use removable double-stick tape, Velcro strips and self-adhesive hooks to install almost anything from curtain panels to frames. For inexpensive and one-of-a-kind artwork, use magazine tear sheets, calendars or fabric inside a matted frame. I also love using peel-and-stick art to add a graphic element on any wall. They come in many different designs and colors and don't require a lot of commitment, since at the end of the semester you simply peel them off.

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