

# BUDGET STRETCHING DECORATING IDEAS

## Redecorating Without Breaking the Bank... Use an Area Rug

(NAPSA)—Gone are the days when area rugs were considered an expensive family heirloom to be handed down through the generations. While they have always been an important part of home décor, purchasing a quality rug once took a considerable financial investment and commitment to one style and color scheme. Thankfully, the area rug has evolved into an affordable decorating accessory that can now be easily changed on a whim, without breaking the bank.

With today's value-priced area rugs, interior designers and college students alike are adding rugs to complement everything from the changing seasons to their changing moods. Looking forward to relaxing by the fire on a cold, snowy day? Warm up your home with a Persian design of rich greens, browns and reds. Wanting to create an air of elegance for a dinner party? Add a handmade rug with entwined grape vines in deep wine colors. Looking for the perfect gift for the recent college grad or young professional? Try a more contemporary rug to make a fresh yet sophisticated home fashion statement.

Sphinx by Oriental Weavers, known as the leader in rug design and technological innovation, offers the most compelling mix of textures and materials available today. With a flair for cutting edge color and design, Sphinx is a master at creating both fashion-forward machine-made and handmade rugs that mirror the look and feel of the most



expensive handmades, yet at very affordable prices.

Sphinx offers the following tips for choosing the right area rug:

- Create a consistent décor within two adjoining rooms, such as a living room and dining room, by selecting complementary rugs in a similar style from the same color palette.

- Make sure to buy a rug made from materials that fit your lifestyle. If you have three dogs, a cat and two toddlers, don't buy a rug made from cotton. Stick with a heat-set polypropylene, which is inherently stain-resistant.

- If you are not ready to commit to a style or color scheme, try out a small accent rug. Once you decide that it works, purchase a larger rug and use the smaller one at the bottom of the stairs or in a bathroom.

- Don't be afraid to be bold—if something grabs you...grab it! Those are usually the items that you cherish the most.

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