

# COLLEGE CORNER

## Helpful Hints For Setting Up A Home Away From Home

(NAPSA)—Transforming the cramped confines of dorm rooms into comfortable, livable spaces can be as easy as A-B-C with some tips from the experts.

According to the dorm-decorating experts at Linens 'n Things, the key is to be creative, selective and organized:

**Accent Your Lifestyle:** Accentuate your dorm with color, texture and things that reflect your personality and sense of style. Start with bedding. Since college students tend to dress their beds like their bodies, it's no surprise that gender-neutral patterns such as traditional yarn-dyed plaids and denim continue to be popular. New for 2002 are prints with a strong pop influence from the 70s, such as florals in bright orange and pink, graffiti patterns in black, white and red, and updated camouflage patterns in olive and black.

**Budget Realistically:** Knowing your limits helps you prioritize practical necessities and decorative accessories. Your ability to splurge may be enhanced by shopping at a superstore that specializes in dorm room decorating and features guaranteed low prices every day. Do some product research before you buy—check out catalogs, magazines and this newspaper—for expert ideas on what you need and fun ideas on what you'd like for your room. For the cost-conscious, Bed-in-a-Bag ensembles are a great way to add lots of style at a reasonable price. Check with your school to see if



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dorm beds are standard twin or extra-long and purchase sheets accordingly.

**Create Space:** Organization professionals say when there's a place for everything and everything is in its place, there's more time for creativity and relaxation—and what student wouldn't love that? Linens 'n Things has lots of ideas for maximizing dorm space. For instance, bring items that serve a dual purpose in your room. Yaffa blocks hold everything from books to clothing—but they also make a great bedside table.

Explore every option for saving space such as behind the door, on the floor, on top of a desk, under the bed, and in the closet so that every inch of space lends itself to the style and efficiency of your room.

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