

Decorator's Notebook

Decorating On A Budget: A Question Of Adding And Subtracting

(NAPSA)—To decorate your home on a budget, start by subtracting what you have to achieve a new spare look, suggests Monique M. Crossan, whose Chicago design studio creates wall sculptures and botanical arrangements.

Toss out the piles of newspapers and magazines you'll never have time to read. If you display little boxes, photos or ceramics, arrange them all on one tray. Wash the windows and shine the silver till they sparkle.

"The difference will astonish you," says the International Furnishings and Design Association member.

"Keep a few oversized pieces for display, such as an aluminum bucket filled with corkscrew willow branches and illuminate it from underneath or behind," adds Crossan.

New York interior designer Jerome Curie Hanauer made a simple yet dramatic change for a client whose living room wall is mirrored.

"We hung lightweight prints in an attractive arrangement. It gave the room a new look," he says.

Products like the self-stick picture hangers and hooks with Command adhesive from 3M make it possible to hang objects on almost any flat surface. They are especially handy because, when you remove them properly, they leave the surfaces intact.

Sue Warden, author of *Creative Decor* (Winding Stair Press), tires of seeing pictures always in the same place and likes to move them around her home.

The creative director and host of *Sue Warden CraftScapes* and *Sue Warden Creative Decor* on HGTV adds decorative seasonal tiebacks—24-inch long garlands with beads intertwined—and secures them in place around her draperies with a 3M hook on the wall.

"It's important that decorative details be flawless," said Warden. "Replacement strips make these



Simple, inexpensive decorative solutions can put a fresh face on every room. Picture hangers with Command adhesive from 3M hold lightweight botanical prints, that once enhanced the hallway. Next month, the prints move to the family room. When properly removed, the mounting products leave neither nail holes nor sticky residue.

products forgiving—you can reuse the hooks until you position the tiebacks perfectly."

"I have a soft spot for wonderful wreaths," admits Pauline Allison, brand manager for Command adhesive products. "New ones start in our entrance, and when replaced, move to the guest bath, bedroom or family room. The hooks and hangers meet most challenges from ceramic tile and glass block to painted cinderblock, wood and plaster. And because the hooks come in a range of colors, I sometimes suspend my wreaths from color-coordinated ribbons."

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