

Decorator's Notebook

Chin-Up Decorating That Brings A Smile To Your Home

(NAPSA)—A strong design trend today is for somber, slightly formal interiors, yet there are times when a touch of humor is welcome.

Carole Lauren of Carole Lauren Interiors, Walnut Creek, Calif., says the muralist she uses to paint scenes on clients' walls "always incorporates some amusing image in his art. In the home of an over-achieving, very serious executive, the painter included a tiny teddy bear in a scene otherwise depicting a Grecian garden. The client loved the incongruity," she reports. "Although it has to be pointed out to be noticed, the executive knows it's there and it always makes her smile."

Collections and posters are vehicles that Maureen Petke, owner of Atlanta's Design & Décor, uses to add a lighthearted touch. One client had a Betty Boop cookie jar, hidden in a cupboard. Petke persuaded her to place it on a prominent kitchen shelf. She found a Betty Boop poster to hang beside it. "Together the two pieces are deliberately whimsical," Petke explains.

"Matte and frame cartoons and hang them up. When the joke loses its effect, replace it," Petke advises.

"Decorating should be personal and a reflection of who you are, including what makes you laugh," she contends. It's easy to replace yesterday's humorous cartoon, framed phrase or funny poster if you've hung them with self-stick mounting products with Command adhesive from 3M.

All of these hooks, picture hangers, and spring clips install quickly and remove easily, leaving no hole, mark or trace of residue. Use them again and again with removable mounting strips.



Decorating surprises in this dining room? See the baby shoes on the wall—a fanciful twist on the fashion for shoe motifs. They hang from hooks with Command adhesive from 3M; prints from sawtooth picture hangers. Remove the adhesive properly to leave the wall without a mark.

In addition, the Command adhesive family includes poster strips and removable interlocking fasteners. The fasteners hang art, wood-mounted diplomas and awards and they would be perfect for adding wood initials or reproduction vintage advertising signs to a vignette of more serious elements. Bright yellow fasteners snap together and can be detached and reattached innumerable times.

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