Decorator's Notebook

Creative Ways To Wake Up Your Walls

(NAPSA)—People often fixate on what color to paint the walls, but actually forget about decorating them once they are done. Bare walls can be transformed with more than just expensive artwork. Here are some creative and inexpensive ways to create "conversation-starter" wall décor:

- Make music into wall art. Pick your favorite musical instrument and give your wall a tuneup by mounting it. Surround the instrument with sheet music or pictures of your favorite musician. Close your eyes and imagine the sounds bouncing off of your wall.
- Display your treasures. Install a few shelves or an entire floor-to-ceiling shelving unit to display your favorite knick-knacks, such as figurines or autographed paraphernalia. Shelving provides a place for you to display your treasures and adds a decorative element to your room décor.
- Create a vertical photo album. Find your favorite family photos and have them printed, matted and framed in a color scheme that matches your décor. Command picture hanging strips from 3M make it easy to hang the frames, since you can easily reposition them as often as you want



without leaving surface damage, nail holes or residue behind.

- Place your plates. Instead of hiding your collectible plates in a drawer, try displaying them on your walls using a plate rack or a dish shelf.
- Light it up. Hang candle wall sconces to add accent lighting to any room. With a variety of different styles, you are sure to find a sconce to suit your style.
- Turn a tapestry into a wall hanging. Find a beautiful tapestry or throw and turn it into wall décor. Simply sew a tab at the top and bottom, insert a decorative rod in both tabs and hang on the wall. Step back and admire your work of art.

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