



Styled Spaces

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Giving You an Inside Look: Our DIY Adventure

Part 1: The Adventure Begins

My husband Ryan and I have been living in our duplex now for 2 years, and we know we won't be here longer than 3 more. With re-sale in mind, we have slowly been upgrading and updating our home.

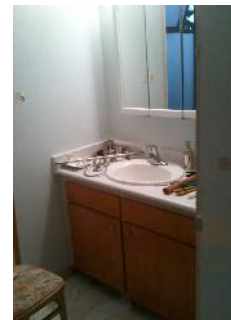
Here's the inside scoop of how we worked together as a DIY (do-it-yourself) team to update our bathroom with a budget of \$1,000 (not much!)



Our helpers Louis & Lucy

First, I had the fun task of removing hideous trim work, painted wall paper and two wall-hung medicine cabinets which the previous owners had not only screwed to the wall, but glued too

(FYI you do not need to glue and screw a medicine cabinet to the wall!). The result? Screw holes, dents, gauges, missing drywall paper, and previous bad patch jobs everywhere.



Before



Almost After

We patched as much as we could and re-painted the walls. We also painted the vanity and added a interior shelf to make it more functional.

We replaced the original 1979 fully-frosted window with a more efficient window and a better looking one. I left the top part clear glass so we could see our beautiful trees.

Watch for Part 2 in the Spring issue!

Can't wait? Call me.

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Giving Thanks

This has been a wonderful year of referrals who have become new clients. BIG thanks to all of you – clients, trades, colleagues and family – for recommending Styled Spaces!

The giving spirit is alive and well at St. John the Devine too. My work on their Gathering Room to make it a warm and inviting place for the many groups that make use of it, got the attention of one of the parishioners who referred me to her daughter. I'm very grateful to all of you.

I'd love to hear from you.

Thanks for reading my newsletter!

If you enjoyed this issue, I'd be happy to send a copy to your friend or colleague.

If you'd prefer not to receive future issues, I respect your wishes.

Have a design question you'd like me to answer?

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Until next time,
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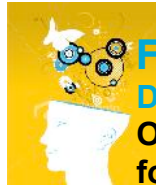
Sharing a Great Find

Horizon Rugs is a wonderful line of hand-crafted wool area rugs. They have over 150 patterns!

Wool rugs are excellent: they are naturally resilient, flame retardant, and stain and soil resistant (without chemical treatments).

Regularly stocked sizes are 5'x8' and 8'x10'; other sizes can be special ordered. Phenomenally well priced for such fabulous quality and only take 3-4 weeks to come in.

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It's also a special thank you to my existing clients who may want to give some TLC to a new area of their home and would like advice on furniture placement, colour, flooring, reputable trades, etc.

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Giving a Design Tip

Area rugs can enhance -- or spoil -- your space.

They help pull together furniture arrangements so the pieces within the arrangement don't look like they're floating. They also create the feeling that 'the room ends here' without having to have the wall, which is important in open concept spaces with floating furniture arrangements.

And size is important! If your furniture grouping is arranged against a wall, or walls, then a rug that just touches all the legs of the furniture, or is slightly under the front legs of the furniture, makes for a well balanced space.

If, however, your furniture grouping is floating in the space, then I suggest the rug be large enough to be placed fully under all the furniture legs.



Area rug used to define a dining area.

Area rugs are also an easy, and often inexpensive, way to update the look of a space.

One more thing: don't forget a rug pad! Placed underneath the area rug, this pad will prevent your rug from sliding around, protect the underside of the rug, and help eliminate furniture marks.

Of course there are exceptions to every rule, so if you are unsure of size, style, or color please don't hesitate to call me.