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AROUND THE HOUSE

The art of the rug

EVENT • Considering an oriental rug purchase? Ten Thousand Villages will offer rugs made by fairly paid adults during an oriental rug event from Sept. 11 to Sept. 27. The heirloom-quality rugs, handmade in Pakistani homes, will be available in a variety of sizes and colours.

The store (220 Crowchild Tr. N.W.) will present an Introduction to Oriental Rugs Seminar on Sept. 27 at 7 p.m.

This seminar demonstrates the ancient art of oriental rug creation, from setting up the warp to tying the fringes, and offers a broad overview, ideal for anyone considering an oriental rug purchase.

Admission is free, however, reservations are required. Please call 403-270-0631 for reservation information.

— Calgary Herald



Labelling made easy

ORGANIZING • Need to label those leftovers in the fridge? How about school lunches for the kids? Or circuit breaker panels?

When you look around the house, you'll no doubt find hundreds of uses for Dymo's LetraTag Personal label-maker.

The electronic gizmo comes in both hand-held and desktop models, and features multiple font styles and text sizing that you can preview before actually printing the label. Just think how organized you'll be — the label-makers retail for \$39.99 at Staples, Wal-mart and Grand & Toy.

— Calgary Herald

Bonus at Bondars

SPECIAL OFFER • Bondars Fine Furniture is part of a special promotion from studiorowe retailers until Oct. 7 — choose from any of 500 fabrics for your new sofa, sectional, chair or ottoman without paying any extra for the fabric selection.

Plus, there's lots of home decor learning and exploring. Bring those pages you've torn out of magazines, those paint chips you've been carrying around for months or that decorative pillow you bought at the antique market and they'll bring the help.

Visit rowfurniture.com/studiorowe for more information, and bondars.com for store location and information in Calgary.

— Calgary Herald



Pretty in Pink

Five-year-old Grace Franklin was pretty sure that pink was the way to go in her room. "Because I like pink and I thought it would go well with my bed," she explains. She also wanted a reading corner — where a chair and a tootsie-friendly rug await her, along with a picture (of Owl reading a book) that once hung in her great-grandmother's house. "I wanted a craft corner," she adds, pointing to her desk. "I like to do all sorts of crafts. My favourite is making different things that nobody's ever made before." A kraft-paper guitar and purple are lovely proof of Grace's ingenuity, while fairy lights and bunting suit her personality completely.

ALSO SEE

More tips and tricks for creating the perfect room with your kids. **PAGE G2**

ROOMS FOR KIDS BY KIDS

Step 1: Take a deep breath. Step 2: Give your children the paint chips. Step 3: Prepare for the 'wow' factor

YVONNE JEFFERY
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With the kids now back at school, wouldn't it be great to create bedrooms they'd actually want to spend time in — doing things like their homework?

According to Michelle Podulsky and Sarah Franklin, the two creative forces behind Somebody Else's Time, a Calgary-based firm that handles organizing, decorating and chores for

busy families, the secret is to give your kids creative freedom.

"We don't give kids enough credit," says Podulsky, explaining that after she and Franklin helped the three children of one family make over their rooms last year (with the children taking the lead), Franklin tried the idea with her own five-year-old daughter.

"When we opened the tin of pink paint, I thought, 'Oh my God,'" Franklin recalls, "but it actually isn't that bad, and she loves the room."

Here's how it all worked out.

Photos below, Stuart Gradon, Calgary Herald



Manhattan Loft

"I wanted a space that was calm but that combined art and politics," says this room's 16-year-old owner, whose interests in photography, literature (George Orwell's 1984 is one of her favourite novels) and art can be spotted in the details throughout.

Inspired by a trip to New York, she also wanted a contrast between old and new — hence the modern furniture (which she already had) and the ornate, antique-style light fixture and mirror.

The best part, she says, is that the uncluttered feel allows her to focus on art, video-editing and even homework. "I can work in here and there's nothing around me that's getting in the way — but I have all my favourite books and plays close by, to give access to inspiration. I think it really reflects who I am as a person now."



Bubblicious

The 10-year-old occupant of this room isn't sure that she's really finished yet.

"I might want a little more change," she says. "Maybe some pictures..."

Michelle Podulsky explains that the youngest of three daughters came up with the colours on her own, and the ideas for the circles, or bubbles, on the walls, were based on a picture that she'd seen.

But as she transitions from the nine-year-old she was when she decorated the space to the older child that she is now, she's really reaching a watershed between "little girl" and "big girl" — and she's sensing that perhaps the room needs to reflect that, too.



Dramatic Flair

The 14-year-old in charge of decorating this room knew immediately that she wanted it red.

"I've always really liked the combination of red and white and black," she says.

"My mom thought that the red would be too dark, but I knew that if it wasn't fire engine red, it would be OK," she says.

She was equally sure about the round bed, which she fell in love with while she was looking for a canopy bed. It's grown-up drama, but a sense of play still reigns, thanks to a whimsical corner cabinet.

"I really wanted my room to be something that I like, because then I could do my homework in it," she adds.

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