

Dorm Room Decor

Gone are the days when your dorm room had basic furniture with little to no decorations. Dorm room decor has come a long way in recent years. You can walk in some dorms and not even realize that you are in a dorm. So what can you do to spruce up your dorm and make it more appealing? There are a few things you can do to make your dorm room more stylish and attractive and more enjoyable to live in for the school year.

Coordinate with your Roommate

Check with your roommate first to see if they have a color preference or dislike. Check to see what colors their bedding is and what kind of posters or pictures they will be bringing to the dorm. This will help you decide what kind of bedding and decorations you should buy. After all, the last thing you want is one side of a dorm to be hot pink while the other side is forest green. Maybe you and your roommate(s) can come to an agreement of a neutral color, design or pattern for bedding and drapes so that your room is easy on the eyes.

Organization Helps

Dorm rooms are small. They are even smaller when you are sharing the room with other students. Therefore it helps to try to organize your belongings to save space. Invest in products such as closet kits and stackable crates. You can purchase really long containers that fit neatly under your bed. You can store anything in here from non-perishable food items to your clothes. Purchase a small storage ottoman to double as a coffee table. Purchase smaller containers to store silverware and other kitchen type items. Being organized will help keep your belongings under control so that your dorm room does not turn into a chaotic mess.

Decorate on a Budget

Everyone knows that college students are on serious budgets. Do not spend too much money on decor as you may need that money for other items such as food! Check out stores like Walmart or Target for bedding, pillows and lamps at low prices. They also carry all types of containers and crates that would be perfect for organizing. You can also hit your local dollar store for cheap art prints that would look good on your walls or collapsible hampers that would be perfect for your storing your laundry.

Throw Rugs

Who wants the basic gray carpet that is in most dorm rooms today? Check out consignment shops or thrift stores and pick up a colorful and inexpensive throw rug to put in your dorm. This will bring add some color and style to the room without much effort.

Check with your School

Before you purchase small appliances or hang items from walls, check with your college or university to see what types of items are allowed and what types are prohibited. Also check to see if you are allowed additional furniture or large items before you purchase them. It may be against fire code to have too much furniture in your dorm room. Have fun, be creative, and enjoy your new dorm room!