

## MOVING GUIDE II



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# Home design can reflect personalities

Students can use various cultures to design themed rooms, and they can use photos to decorate empty walls, thus creating inviting living spaces

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Decorating can be the ultimate difference in making a house a home. Although moving may be tedious, and every place can look the same, a little effort and creativity can turn a bland, boxy white apartment into something that reflects each person's vibrant personality. There are many ways students can change their living spaces into something they look forward to seeing after long days at school.

Freshman Tiffanie Duboise she said she can't

wait to move into her house next year, where she plans on painting her room yellow because she says it is a happy color.

"Living in the dorms is really impersonal, and you can't really change much with the small space," Duboise said.

Personalizing space at home doesn't have to be difficult. Students can make their homes reflect their personality by painting or creating themes in different rooms. Some students have picked a favorite flower or color to focus on in a certain room, while others incorporate themes based on cultures.

"The theme for my room is multicultural, with different countries, like China, India, Africa and Hawaii," sophomore Allison Prasad said. "I enjoy different cultures, and I am an ethnic studies major, so everything in my room

expresses who I am." Some of her favorite items in her room include a purse, a throw rug and pajamas from India, a Chinese calendar and some Hawaiian leis.

"Each wall in my room has the things from each culture, so everything I love surrounds me," she said.

Students also don't have to visit expensive interior design businesses to be creative. Places like dollar stores, thrift stores and garage sales can have exactly what people may need — and what fits their budget.

"For those of us who can't afford making the change, there is always the option I take. Other people's trash can definitely create a treasure for your home," senior Abolade Majekobaje said. "Finding treasures at garage sales is half the luck. I don't feel like I am much of a deco-

inator; if I have a dollar, and a certain piece is a dollar and it matches my house, I buy it."

Majekobaje said she has found items such as a broken globe, which she's had since she's been in college, that mean a lot to her.

Pictures can also bring a sense of home to an apartment, and frames can help fill blank spaces on white walls. Senior Omelina Orak said she tries to have at least one picture of each person she cares about in her house.

"I want to be surrounded by people I love in my room and throughout my house," Orak said.

Small things like candles can also make a difference for people who don't have time to do the research and the buying involved in complex interior design.

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