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## Pretty kitchens

STEAL IDEAS FROM 5 GREAT SPACES

# color!

75 quick changes all around your home

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Emily Henderson

**Paint it!**  
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On ceiling:  
Morning Sky  
Blue; on walls:  
Cape Hatteras  
Sand, both by  
Benjamin Moore

BLACKBIRD SINGING IN THE DEAD OF NIGHT TAKE THESE  
BROKEN WINGS AND LEARN TO FLY ALL YOUR LIFE YOU  
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**Pretty**  
● Sky blue ceiling! Stick to the soft shades closest to the top of the paint strip so the ceiling doesn't feel weighed down.  
● No-fail artwork trick. Hang one piece that's almost the width of the sofa, but not wider. Try [artthatfits.com](http://artthatfits.com).

**Easy**  
● Single-seat sofa. One long cushion means no Lego pieces lost in the middle cracks. Plus, it's bound to the frame, so it never shifts or needs fluffing.  
● Everything's on wheels! All the seating in the room is on casters, so it's a cinch to move around when guests drop by.

# not just another pretty place

Take a tour of a great-looking home that's easy to live in, too. Find lots of ideas in every room.

Chair: For a similar look, try the Woven Medi Ikat Slipper chair from Urban Outfitters.

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Pendants: For a similar look, try the Large Country Industrial pendant from Circa Lighting.



Barstools: For a similar look, try Post adjustable stools from ABC Carpet & Home.

## MEET THE OWNERS

Sue De Chiara, a blogger and owner of zhush.com, an online design shop; and Adam De Chiara, an investment portfolio manager; 12-year-old Olivia; 10-year-old Samantha; and 5-year-old Aaron

**HOMETOWN:** Pound Ridge, NY

**THE CHALLENGE:** Make the rooms feel fresh and modern for a family of five. "Bottom line: Everything had to be beautiful *and* functional," says Sue.

**TEAM MAKEOVER:** Sue and Greenwich, CT-based interior designer Lauren Muse

## KITCHEN

### Pretty

- Curvy island countertop. With a big arch to make room for seating and a rounded edge on the marble, this is not your typical boxy kitchen island.
- Industrial-style lighting. Too often pendant lights look wimpy, but these beauties practically have stage presence. They're 18 inches in diameter and hang 36 inches above the island.

### Easy

- Beadboard. It has that charming cottage look, plus it's scrubbable if there's a smudge on the cabinets or scuff marks on the island.
- Adjustable counter stools. Not only can they accommodate each kid's height, the stools also tuck neatly under the island, so there's no crashing into them when they're not being used.

## HOME OFFICE

### Pretty

- Striped ceiling. Stretch your decorating dollar and wallpaper just the ceiling. To figure out how many double rolls you'll need, measure the area of your ceiling (length times width), then divide by 56 (the standard square feet coverage of a double roll).
- Cool shade! FYI: This style is called a tulip Roman shade. Check out theshadestore.com.

### Easy

- Sunburst mirror. It fits with any style—move it from room to room to change things up.
- Easy-access printer. The printer sits on a sleek acrylic table underneath the desk, so it's always within arm's reach. Clear tables are perfect for small spaces because they disappear.



Wallpaper: Whitewell Stripe by Colefax and Fowler

## TRY A DIY!

Add nailheads to a chair, page 144.



before

**ROOM REDO**  
Sue teamed up with her 12-year-old daughter, Olivia, to take her bedroom, with its pastel walls and Olivia's nursery furniture, from cutesy to cool.

**OLIVIA'S ROOM**

**Pretty**

- Bright colors. The deep teal headboard from Ethan Allen was the starting point. Sue and Olivia picked lamps to go with the bed, then added punches of chartreuse in the linens.
- Fun molding. Olivia's plain white walls come alive with the box patterns made from decorative molding. The spiky sunburst mirrors look like fireworks—a classic shape with a youthful twist.

**Easy**

- Double-duty furniture. The bench at the end of the bed also serves as a bookshelf.
- Layers on the floor. Sue put a blue shag rug (Olivia's pick!) on top of the existing wall-to-wall carpet. "Olivia got the look she loves, and we didn't have to rip anything up," says Sue.



Coverlet:  
Scramble Key  
Lime Matelassé  
by Pine Cone Hill

**COLOR COMBOS KIDS WON'T OUTGROW**  
These pairs are bright and happy but not babyish.

chartreuse deep teal	hot pink tangerine	chocolate brown pool blue

**MUDROOM**

**Pretty**

- One awesome light fixture. Storage spaces often get the short end of the lighting stick, but not here. This blown-glass lantern, which is encased in brass mesh, is totally dining-room-worthy.
- Art on the floor? Sure! A hand-painted compass injects some fun into a hardworking room. Do it yourself with cool stencils from [istencils.com](http://istencils.com).

**Easy**

- Serious clutter control. "If we didn't have this area, there would be sports equipment all over the house," says Sue. Each kid has his/her own cubby for dropping backpacks, lacrosse sticks, and lunch boxes. Shallow shoe drawers, with a window into their contents, open underneath.
- Show-off spot. The children's latest school art projects go on the family bulletin board. Sue's was built in, but check [ballarddesigns.com](http://ballarddesigns.com) for a similar look.

**GET HOOKED!**

A few more ways to hang your hat.

Comes in five colors. \$12, [anthropologie.com](http://anthropologie.com)

Totally classic. \$22, [rejuvenation.com](http://rejuvenation.com)

Stylish and sturdy. \$30.50, [restorationhardware.com](http://restorationhardware.com)



Lantern:  
Sorenson 14  
lantern from  
Remains Lighting

**TRY A DIY!**  
Paint a stencil on your floor, page 144.