

dream *makeover*

How we woke up our bedroom with just \$1,800 and four days.

OUR BEDROOM, A DECORATIVELY MALNOURISHED 12 1/2-BY-11-FOOT SPACE WITH PALE walls and Venetian blinds, had all the appeal of an insurance office. So, when designer Lisey Good of Good Interiors (www.goodinteriors.com) in Boston said she could revamp the room in four days, for less than \$2,000, I leaped at the proposition.

My husband and I had outfitted our closet with Elfa shelving - purchased for \$484, a 30 percent discount - a month earlier. That allowed us to get rid of an old chunky bureau that we had patched up with duct tape. We also had decided to free up more space by tossing out our king-size bed and replacing it with a queen.

Now we had about \$1,800 for Good's decorating. Together, we decided to keep the two antique night tables, a chair, a floor lamp, two wall hangings, and the dark natural wicker headboard, which would work well with the jute rug and straw baskets Good was planning to use. "Some people think that adding bright white to rooms will make them feel brighter," says Good, "but warmer works just as well."

The plan is to have Good execute the design plan while we are out of town on a four-day vacation. As we leave for our trip, I think: "What if I don't like what she does? Have I made a mistake?"

But when I walk into our new bedroom, I am sure I have stepped into a dream. The balance and serenity and the gardenlike colors overwhelm me. As we sit on our gracefully tailored bed, my husband is as pleased as I am. For the first time, the room feels whole and right.



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BUDGET: \$1,800. INCLUDES THE DESIGN PLAN, LABOR AND SHOPPING TIME AS WELL AS MATERIALS AND SOME GREAT DISCOUNT PURCHASES.



STENCILING An alternative to crown molding, the stencil emphasizes the 9-foot ceilings. Designer Lisey Good used a sample jar of paint (Benjamin Moore Marlboro Blue) to apply the pattern. The green walls (Benjamin Moore Dill Pickle) enrich the deep hues of the original fire-oak doors. Trim is white semigloss (California Paints). Total for paint, \$40.

ART A Set of four leaf prints from a clearance sale at Winston Flowers, Chestnut Hill, cost \$140.

LIGHTING Wall-mounted swing lamps from lampsplus.com free up space on the night tables at \$130 for the pair.

HEADBOARD To stay on budget, the owners kept the rattan headboard.

NIGHT TABLE One of two family heirlooms; magazines are stashed below in baskets from Michael's Crafts Store.

BEDDING The sheer ruffled bed skirt by Liz Claiborne dresses things up, while the cotton bedspread by Colchas Domingos adds texture. All the linens came from clearance bins at Marshalls. Total cost, \$180.

RUG The diamond-patterned 6-by-9-foot Jewel jute rug, from naturalarearugs.com, cost \$139.

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WINDOW TREATMENT The shade, finished with a scalloped edging, is from smithandnoble.com, but it was ordered through a designer-only website for \$187. Mounting the rod above the window frame and then hanging the curtains from the floor creates the illusion of height.

TABLE A pressed-wood table draped with fabric creates a reading nook next to the chair. Curtains, rod, table, and cloth from ballarddesigns.com, \$167.

