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## Funky Furniture Ideas

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Bedroom Makeover Projects



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## \$5 DIY Artwork Inspirations





# Artwork *for* Less

By: *Better Homes and Gardens*

Do it yourself artwork  
you can create for  
\$5 and under





## Off the Wall

Creative Uses for Wallpaper

By: Joseph Salina



You've seen us feature roundups of removable wallpapers here and there – a great affordable solution for making a statement in any room. But what if you're looking for something a little more subtle? We rounded up some off-the-wall wallpaper ideas that just might have you sprucing up your home in new ways.

Whether you're wanting to add color and style to a rented space, or just looking for a small project that won't take up your entire weekend, these clever uses for wallpaper could be your ticket. Trying using wallpaper...

**Under Shelves** - add a pop of pattern under shelves in sitting areas for colorful highlights to a room.

**On a Door** - Go for more than a solid color and adhere a bold pattern to your door for more interest

**As a Bed Canopy** - Hang one from a curtain rod behind your bed, or drape it over a curtain rod on the ceiling to create a canopy effect.

**On IKEA furniture** - This DIY will work on the smooth flat surface of most IKEA cabinetry or on Framsta wall panels.

**As Framed Art** - You may have heard of this one before, but new textured wallpapers add depth to the idea. Try arranging three or more frames of the same pattern or color in a row for a more dramatic effect.



## Sweet Success

Look for a rippled plastic sheet used for industrial lighting covers. We found ours at a local home center. Use a large ruler and a crafts knife to cut the plastic sheet into four equal-size squares. Set the squares on a flat surface. Arrange your cupcake liners on top. The more random the pattern, the better.



## Take the Cake

Think we can make art out of plain white cupcake wrappers? We challenged ourselves to create cool pieces using common household items-- and these wrappers kick-started our imagination. Keep clicking to see how our designers stepped up to the plate.



## Icing on the (Cup) Cake

When you're happy with the placement of the cupcake liners, use a drop of glue to affix the liners to the plastic sheets. Because the liners are thin, the glue will bleed through the paper, so add more liners inside to hide the glue spots. Use a glue stick to attach the second layer of liners; it won't show through the paper. Use strong glue to attach a picture hanger to the back, or attach to the wall using strong adhesive dots.

## Meet Our Fabulous Designers





# Make Faux Photostrips Using Instagram Photos

By: Terri Washington



What's hipper than Instagram right now? I think you could make an argument that photostrips are about as cool as they have ever been.

This DIY combines the filtered goodness of Instagram with the quirkiness of photostrips, courtesy of The College Prepster

If you don't know how to find your Instagram photos on the web, here are some sites to check out:

[Webstagram](#), [Statigram](#), [Instagrid](#), [Gramfeed](#), [Ink361](#)

Whichever site you use to view your photos, you'll need to download at least 4 pictures for this DIY.

Here's College Prepster's process:

1. In Photoshop or another photo editing software, create a template for the photostrip. College Prepster's file was 1.5 inches by 6 inches. She also made skinny strips of white in between each photo so that the edges would be uniform.

2. Now, place four pictures onto the file. Be sure that the white borders are sitting "above" the photos. Rearrange until you like the order.

3. Once you've created a couple of strips, place them onto one 8 x 10 inch canvas so you can print them on photo paper.



4. College Prepster took her file to Kinko's and printed it on glossy photo paper, but you could also print it at home if your printer is equipped.

5. Cut your strips out with a paper cutter and put them on the fridge, use them as bookmarks, or give them to friends.



## Centerpiece Materials

Here's what you will need to create this simple and sweet centerpiece:

1. Foam cube
2. Clear glass bulb ornaments
3. Decorative packing tape.

## Center Stage

Fresh flowers are a thoughtful touch for any special occasion. Just think what a handmade centerpiece can do! We crafted a dinner-party-ready centerpiece with inexpensive materials from the crafts store.



## Front and Center

Using a spoon, hollow out a crater in the foam cube. The hole should be just large enough to nestle the clear glass bulb. Wrap the foam cube with decorative tape. Then simply fill half the bulb with water and poke your favorite cut flowers inside. Try lining three centerpieces along your dining table or mantel.

## Cheap & Chic DIY HEADBOARDS



Spice up a bedroom by creating a framed headboard from a graphic print. Stretch the fabric over heavy cardboard or foam-core board and secure on the back. Insert the panels into two inexpensive poster frames spray-painted a coordinating color.