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FOR THE MAN ABOUT CAMPUS
- - - THE NEW LOOK IN SUITS, TOPCOATS, AND HATS. CHOOSE FROM A WIDE VARIETY OF NEW FABRICS, TEXTURES, PATTERNS, COLORS!

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Unveil that hidden talent to create and make your room "very personally yours."

If you and your roommate like the influence of the East, how about bamboo curtains for the windows and the closet entrance? Black and gold wastebaskets and lamp bases will add to the atmosphere. Kites from a dime store and cootie hats from a carnival make interesting hangings for the wall; plastic lacing in harmonizing colors could be used to suspend these ornaments from the molding.

Do you enjoy the outdoors? Earthy tones will seem to bring the out-of-doors inside. Use a plaque of bronze on the wall and display a collection of sea shells or pebbles. Use driftwood for a paper weight. Would a wicker basket hold your magazines? Could a fish net gather your momentos? To really bring in the out-of-doors let a foliage plant grace your dresser; philadendron and sansevieria require minimum care; these plants only need watering two or three times a week so that the soil is crumbly moist, and they cost as little as $.35 or $.50.

Be a Pioneer

Early American decor may suit the more domestic co-ed. An old black caldron economically discovered at a second-hand shop or the Salvation Army headquarters could be stuffed with straw and topped with a calico seat that matches the curtains—or use the kettle for a plant holder. Treat the walls with a paper facsimile of a sampler, and the character offered by a map hanging on the wall shouldn’t be overlooked. Are there odds and ends like skates and a tennis racket lying around?—dangle them on a hall tree! A braided rug offers coziness; but wherever a rug is used, it should emphasize the area around it without giving a spotty affect.

Saved by a screen

Do you need something to conceal the lavatory or closet opening or to create new shapes in space or separate one area of the room from another area? Have you thought of a folding screen to satisfy these problems? Screens may be purchased at Ames department stores in a variety of sizes to accommodate almost everyone’s needs and budget. Or flatter your father or fellow—show him the article on page 108 of the July, 1958, McCall’s entitled “How to Make a Jig-Sawed Screen.” However you get a screen, make it your project to decorate it to complement the theme. It could be adorned with wool or leather, or it can function as a bulletin board or mounting for a map.

See! It’s easy; just let your imagination go to work.

After the theme’s developed, arrange the furniture so that there’s an open space in the center. Group furnishings in areas where they will be used. Try to eliminate cross-traffic for you and your roommates. Think there’s no other way to arrange your dressers except flat against the wall?—put them back to back with the sides on the wall.

Sufficient lighting is important in a well-planned room, especially in the study area. A lamp can accent the theme of a room and still be 14 inches high. Choose a triangular-shaped shade which spreads some light to the top as well as to the bottom, and select a lamp with a diffusing bowl.

A blotter is not the place to add a loud color to the room; it can blend with the room but still be light-colored to reflect the light and eliminate glare. Besides keeping you more mentally alert while studying, good lighting will expose the grime of the week and prompt you to take action with the cleaning supplies!