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Cheap Trick

With a sewing machine and some imagination, we turn an empty space into an avant-garde bedroom — for only \$200.



before: An empty room.



after: A stylish bedroom that doesn't take itself too seriously.

The Inspiration:

The glamour of Hollywood regency was the concept, and the fabrics were the jumping off point. Michael says, "Purple is having a moment."

Michael splurged on this gold wishbone from Ob-La-Di in Homewood, \$40.

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Tips & Tricks

Avoid harsh overhead lighting in the bedroom. Instead, opt for soft ambient and mood lighting. You're creating a sanctuary, not a supermarket.

Don't underestimate the power of quality bedding — a good night's sleep ensures a good morning. Bedding, Target.

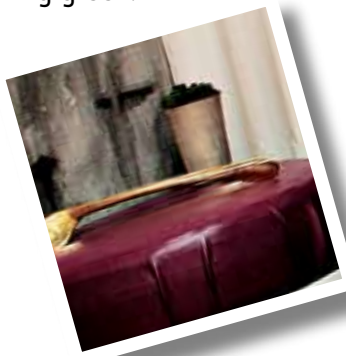
Disguise an architecturally featureless room with wall to wall drapery. Take window treatments all the way to the ceiling to create the illusion that the room is more spacious. Drapery, \$0.98/yd from Hancock Fabrics.

Thrift Store Finds

You don't have to spend a fortune to create style.

Gold lamp, \$7, bought at the thrift store without a shade. Shade, \$5, Lowe's.

The oxidized silver cup filled with deer moss was an important purchase. "Every room needs something green."



The alabaster horse head bookend, \$3, is Michael's favorite thrift store find.

Round ottoman, \$7, at a thrift store. It was painted with white lacquer and recovered in grape leather, \$5/yard, also found at a thrift store.

Reuse & Recycle

Forage your environment for items to repurpose.

The bedside table is a found piano bench, painted and covered in new fabric. ▶



The bamboo console was originally outdoor furniture, but a coat of paint and a new fabric top turned it into a focal point.

The sculpture bust from Hot House Design Studio is another garden item brought inside. ▼



Make-It-Yourself

Unleash your crafty side and create your own accessories.

◀ The light pendants were made for \$15 from light kits and metal mesh spray painted metallic gold.

The Euro pillow shams were made from thrift store fabric, \$5/yd. Try a fusible web like Stitch Witchery for a no-sew option.

For an art substitute, the fabric panel was made from \$5/yd thrift fabric. Michael loves its dramatic proportions.



Accessorize

Buy what you like, whether it fits your decor or not — the things that you love will find themselves a home.

The Last Word

Michael says, "This project was an opportunity for me to step outside of my personal style, which tends to focus on neutrals and textures rather

than bright colors. I wanted to have a little fun. A purple and gold room — that's a risk. It's always easy to play it safe, but people remember spaces that are fresh and innovative."

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