

Wrap me around you

Late night movie marathons in the common TV area are a part of dorm life. Make sure you come equipped with the correct cuddling accoutrement. Wrap Me Around You Throws, \$45 each, Indigo, chapters.indigo.ca. EMMA YARDLEY/FOR METRO CANADA



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Cacti are the perfect dorm room plant; they can go without water for a long time, even during Christmas and spring breaks. Urban Barn, set of four \$24, urbanbarn.com.



# Dorm outside the norm

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You've been in your new dorm room for a couple weeks now but your home away from home is the furthest thing from homey. The walls are bare and, besides the textbooks, your shelves remain empty.

The dorm rules on decorating are strict and money is tight but it's possible to turn this strange room into your room without ever having to bang a nail or blow your student loan on room accessories.

Double-sided tape and hooks are a great option for hanging posters and pictures; throwing down a small bright rug adds instant warmth (and covers up old stains!); and getting coat hooks that hang over the back your door keeps you from drilling any holes. Remember, this small space has to be your bedroom, study and storage room for a year!



Floor space is limited. Tucking your shoes into a closet hanger makes a lot of sense. Canadian Tire, \$12.99, canadiantire.ca.



In such a small room, it's important to make use of all available space. Stack your extra stuff into storage boxes and slip them under the bed for easy access. KAJSA, \$14, Ikea, ikea.com



Since you're not allowed to burn scented candles, a diffuser is an elegant alternative to cover up that odd funk coming from down the hallway. Crabtree & Evelyn \$50, crabtree-evelyn.com.



The desk is barely big enough to hold your laptop, so keeping it tidy is more important than ever. Leather Desk Accessories, \$12.99 (box) and \$16.99 (organizer), Homesense, homesense.ca.



Making your tiny bed as comfortable as possible should be a high priority. Printed pillows, \$9.99 (small) and \$12.99 (large), President's Choice Home, home.pc.ca.

A classic white bulletin board provides you with a place to pin your new class schedule and Polaroid pics of your friends back home. Homesense, \$29.99, homesense.ca.



They're easy to stick on and even easier to peel off, Snap removable wall art brightens up a boring corner without breaking any of the rules. The Home Depot, \$29.99, homedepot.ca.

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