

great décor in a flash  
without a lot of cash!



come in...

Whether you've just moved into a brand-new home, or you're sprucing up your current digs, you can create easy, affordable custom looks for your space using STYROFOAM™ brand foam, the genuine creative foam made by The Dow Chemical Company. As a canvas, STYROFOAM brand foam is highly versatile, suitable for any room and any decorating style. The on-trend wall art and accessory designs featured here are definitely doable and are guaranteed to infuse your rooms with your personality, helping you make your home more your own.

Simple techniques and inexpensive materials make changing your look effortless – update wall art pieces anytime by recovering the foam shapes with something

new (think reuse, recycle). For a double-duty twist, finish the front and back of each foam panel differently, creating reversible style for the seasons, the holidays or just because you want to.

Add the finishing touch to interiors with trendy coordinating accessories like topiaries, decorative floral spheres, candle cubes, photo blocks and memo boards that simply pull your room together.

**Not a lot of time?** Many of these decorating ideas can be completed in one hour or less; visit your local craft store for the materials to save even more time. **Not a lot of cash?** Each idea presented here costs less than \$50 to complete; some cost less than \$10! **No experience?**

No worries! These home décor projects were developed so that anyone can succeed, even those with no crafting or decorating experience.

Page through these great new looks for inspiration, and then create your own wall art and accessory designs. See page 15 for some helpful tips and techniques for working with STYROFOAM brand foam. For complete, step-by-step instructions for the projects, turn to page 15 and refer to the “projects shown” listing, and then follow the instructions in the section labeled “log on: [www.styrofoamstyle.com](http://www.styrofoamstyle.com).”

Whether you prefer the rich patina of the Tuscan countryside, or the high-energy buzz of a downtown loft, decorate your space in a way you – and your budget – will love. First, cut three 1” x 12” x 36” sheets of STYROFOAM brand foam into thirds to make nine 12” x 12” squares. Cover foam with coordinating sheets of 12” x 12” scrapbook paper; thick, white craft glue works great. If you'd

like, add more detail by stenciling or painting onto the papers using acrylic paints. To finish, glue or pin 1”- wide decorative ribbons around the foam edges.

For a romantic look, cover foam cones and cubes with floral moss and hydrangeas. Wrap cones with wire and cut holes in tips to create elegant candleholders. Your style, your way!

For contemporary, graphic appeal, cover foam cubes with the same scrapbook papers used for the wall art pieces. Glue together two 5” foam cubes, then cover in paper, to create the chunky, architectural candleholders. Insert silk gerbera daisies into paper-covered cubes for the ultimate in easy-care indoor vegetation.



Note: Candles are for decorative purposes only.

## dine in style

Can you create custom décor and still have cash left for throwing a big party? You bet! Look at how three style choices on the next three pages transform the same wall and buffet combination – each look made possible at a fraction of the cost of purchasing custom wall art and accessories, only with STYROFOAM brand foam.

First, for lively conversation, take it up a notch and paint your dining room wall a vivid green.

Select your favorite photos to showcase as wall art; it might be travel photos, family snapshots, vintage photos or images from nature. Ask your local office-services store or an online photo developer to print the photos to your specified size. Then, cut a sheet of STYROFOAM brand foam to match, adhere your photos and either paint or pin ribbons around the edges to cover foam. Accent natural images, like these beautiful daisies, with dimensional floral cubes. Simply trim stems and glue them into a foam cube, covering the surface. They make great centerpieces, too!

Next, look to your table linens for wall art inspiration. Make the punchy, polka dot trio by wrapping dinner napkins around 12" squares of STYROFOAM brand foam. Carefully fold napkin around foam corners, keeping it smooth and square, and then pin excess fabric to the back side. Trim excess fabric that doesn't lie flat and you're done – leaving plenty of time to create

the lush, floral hydrangea spheres shown at center. Choose a ball of STYROFOAM brand foam several inches smaller than the desired finished size, since the addition of blooms will increase the dimensions dramatically. Everlasting floral spheres are perfect accents for the dining table, mantel, bookcase, coffee table or any other spot in need of a dash of color.



An inviting, chocolate-colored wall will have your diners thinking dessert before the main course is served! Sweeten it up with dramatic wall art made from a sheet of STYROFOAM brand foam cut into various geometric shapes. Arrange foam pieces, along with wooden strips, in a visually pleasing pattern. Tint lightweight spackling or stucco medium with acrylic craft paint and brush on foam pieces; use metallic shades for added drama.

To assemble, simply layer and attach adjoining foam pieces with glue, toothpicks and u-pins. Glue wooden slats in place. A look that dazzles! Coordinating finials are constructed from assorted foam shapes, including sheets, discs, cubes, balls and eggs of STYROFOAM brand foam, then finished with wall art paints. The button-covered foam cube adds just the right touch of whimsy to this otherwise elegant décor.



For the final course, finish off the dining room – or any room – with custom, easy-to-hang window cornices made from sheets of STYROFOAM brand foam. Measure your window edge to edge, including the molding, and add 2” to this measurement. This is the width of the front cornice piece; foam pieces may be joined together for wide windows using glue, wood picks and u-pins. Determine how far from the wall

the cornice should extend; this is the length of the side pieces. (The model cornice extends 6” from the wall.) Assemble cornice and cover with a thin layer of quilt batting and your choice of fabrics, consider table linens or leftover chair fabric, for perfectly pulled together looks. To install, screw angle brackets to wall at opposite sides of window, slide cornice over them, and secure in place with u-pins.

How do you dress up the mantel?

This all-important space can set the tone for the entire room. Here are two variations – one packs a playful punch in brown, purple and green; the other

imbues a room with soothing spa tones and echoes of nature.

To recreate the organic elements wall art, wrap a 1" x 12" x 36" sheet of STYROFOAM brand foam in fabric. Be sure the corners

are square and neat. Glue a purchased twig table runner down the center of the piece. Two cubes of STYROFOAM brand foam, one covered in assorted buttons and the other in twigs, echo the organic theme and textures.



your space, your style

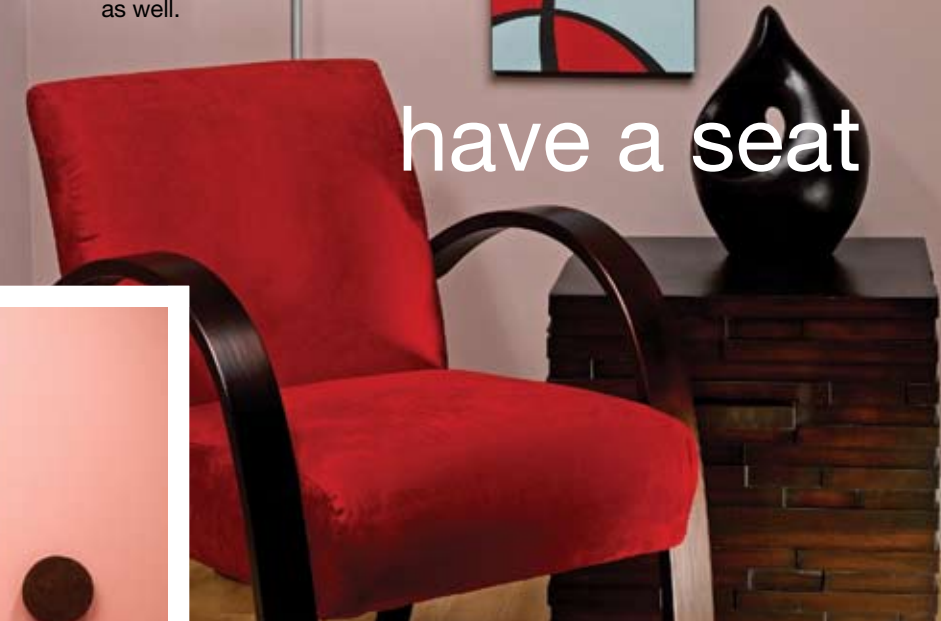


Playful colors round out the wall sculpture made from assorted discs of STYROFOAM brand foam. Purchased discs range in size from 6" to 16" in diameter and all are 1" thick. Discs are covered in stucco paint, custom tinted with acrylic craft paint. Note: The final paint color can change as it dries, so paint a test swatch first and let it dry completely to see if you like the color. Once discs are dry, assemble them in a pleasing manner using white glue, wood picks and u-pins. Let dry overnight before hanging.



Dot, dot, dot adds a lot of dash! To create funky dimensional dots, cover 6" discs of STYROFOAM brand foam in textured paper, then cover foam edges with matching ribbon. Wall art panels are made from 12" x 12" squares of 1"-thick foam, covered in graphic dinner napkins and trimmed with ribbon. In less than one hour, this quiet little space becomes a fun and welcoming spot.

Don't let small spaces go unnoticed! Custom-designed wall art can spice up the narrowest nook, transforming an overlooked corner into an inviting space. That once-quiet reading spot now commands attention, decorated with a pulsating piece of art made from one 1" x 12" x 36" sheet of STYROFOAM brand foam and three 12" x 12" sheets of cool-beyond-compare scrapbook papers. Try wrapping papers, handmade papers, a trio of photos or children's artwork, as well.



have a seat



# dimensional drama

To create the disc grid, purchase nine 6" discs of STYROFOAM brand foam. Cover each disc with holographic paper and pin ribbon around foam edges. Hang wall art and get ready for the "Wow, you did that?" compliments! Mix and match papers in assorted colors and prints for very different effects.

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Here are three ways to add a little texture and a lot of excitement to your walls. The dimensional wall art is made from a sheet of STYROFOAM brand foam and foam balls cut in half. Foam balls range from 1" to 3" diameter. The half balls and foam sheet are finished with stucco paint tinted

with acrylic craft paint, and then glued together. Frame your florals and hang them on the wall. Cut a frame out of a sheet of STYROFOAM brand foam, cover it with paper, and insert several silk flower stems directly into the frame.





## custom looks for today's kids

Sugar, spice and everything pink and green create a room that girls will love. They can even help decorate it! For a fresh, fun look, the custom headboard, window cornice and one-of-a-kind wall art all coordinate, thanks to STYROFOAM brand foam.

Making a custom headboard is easy—simply layer and join 1"-thick sheets of STYROFOAM brand foam using glue, wood picks and u-pins; complete

instructions can be found at [www.styrofoamstyle.com](http://www.styrofoamstyle.com). Cover your 2"-thick foam form with a layer of quilt batting and your choice of fabrics, or spray with a foam-safe spray paint and cover with silk blooms. Either way, the results are lovely. See our hanging tips on page 14.

Celebrate your daughter's friendships and activities with coordinating wall art made from favorite photos. Black-and-white prints measuring 10" x 10" are mounted on textured pink 12" x 12" scrapbook papers and adhered to 12" squares of

STYROFOAM brand foam. Try using silk blooms in place of photos for fun dimensional effects.

Window cornices are another easy way to freshen up tired décor in any room of your home. In kids' rooms, they give you another canvas on which to display your child's interests.

As a final floral flourish, cover a foam sphere and cone with lush pink, green and white carnations. Perch either shape atop a 5" foam cube covered in textured green paper for instant visual impact and a modern blending of textures.

Make studying more fun and help your kids stay organized with desktop accessories made from STYROFOAM brand foam. Fabric-covered foam sheets, decorated with ribbons, make terrific bulletin boards. An 8" cube of STYROFOAM brand foam, covered in decorative papers, stickers, ribbons, clips and other fun embellishments, serves as note keeper/reminder/photo cube. Metal grommets, inserted into the top of a 5", paper-covered cube, keep pencils at the ready. Happy

memories and good friends abound in a coordinating foam-cube photo mobile. Round out the look with a floral topiary and sphere.

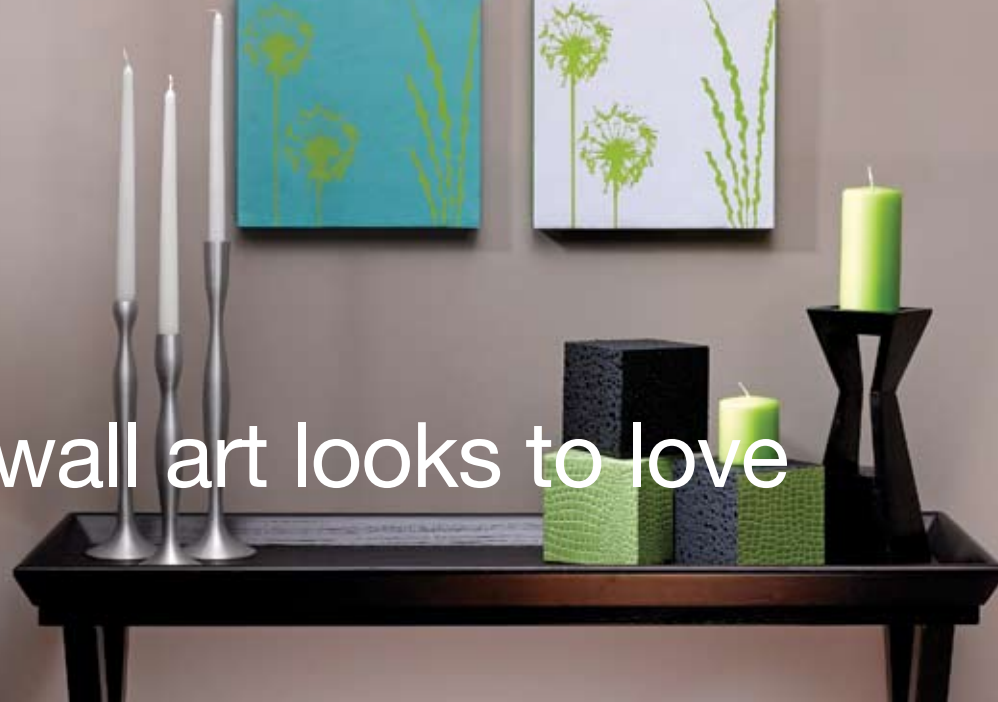
For a fun afternoon activity, invite your children and their friends to create their own photo cubes. Have available cubes of STYROFOAM brand foam, assorted scrapbook papers and embellishments, and glue, and ask each child to bring their own photos.

These easy ideas let you create a room your child will love. A

Wild West fan might love horse print-fabrics and bandana wall art. Satisfy a surfing enthusiast with tropical fabrics and a surfer poster mounted on a sheet of STYROFOAM brand foam. If your fashion-conscious youngster loves the look of camouflage, put it on the wall with readily available craft bandanas and squares of STYROFOAM brand foam.



These vivid, hand-screened dandelion prints say “custom artwork,” yet each 12” x 12” sheet of paper costs less than \$2.00; this vibrant foursome was created for less than \$25 and in less than one hour. Create the accent cubes by covering 5” foam cubes in green and black textured papers. Imagine this grouping in other papers, too: rich florals; distressed vintage looks; striking geometrics; classic solids.



## more wall art looks to love

Whatever your decorating style, from formal to fanciful, wall art made with STYROFOAM brand foam will enhance your home. Here are a few more ideas:

**Papers:** Cover it with scrapbook paper, textured paper, handmade paper, wallpaper, maps, travel brochures, newspapers, gift wrap, even household foil.

**Photos:** Create a personal photo gallery by ordering large prints of favorite digital snapshots from an online developer. Cut sheets of STYROFOAM brand foam to match print sizes. Adhere photos to foam sheets, cover edges with ribbon and hang.

**Fabrics:** Choose upholstery fabric, quilt fabric, scarves, bandanas, faux fur or table linens. Change your wall art every time you change your tablecloth by wrapping your creative foam canvas in coordinating dinner napkins. Wrap a square of STYROFOAM brand foam in a pillowcase for custom, master suite style.

**Naturals:** Get today’s eco-chic look by covering your foam canvas with textured or handmade papers and layer on twigs, bark, vines, leaves, grasses, moss, flowers, sea shells or river rocks.

**Mosaics:** Glue small tiles, beads and broken china onto the foam canvas, and then fill in with a

grouting medium to create a lightweight mosaic.

### hang around awhile

To hang these custom wall art pieces, simply pin and glue a small sawtooth hanger to the top center back of each piece. Or, place reusable adhesive putty on each corner (the putty will not adhere to fabric). For more elegant effect, cut a length from luxurious ribbon and glue ends to top back corners of each piece. For multi-panel groupings, a level is an essential tool for professional results.

### projects shown

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### tips & techniques for STYROFOAM brand foam

**Before you start:** If you’re not sure that your paint or adhesive is foam safe, always test on a scrap piece of STYROFOAM brand foam. Also, some paints will change color as they dry. Finally, for best adhesion, be sure your glue is thoroughly dry before moving to the next step.

**Cutting:** STYROFOAM brand foam cuts easily with a serrated knife, hacksaw, floral knife or X-acto® knife. Wax the knife blade with an old candle for easier, smoother cuts. Or, try dental floss: using a sharp pencil or pen, score a cutting line in your foam sheet; stand the sheet on its edge, and hold a 20” length of dental floss along the scored line, with one hand positioned at the bottom of the board and the other at the top; draw the dental floss through the foam sheet along the scored line.

**Painting:** Choose an acrylic or water-based craft paint, as solvent-based paints may damage the foam (see paint manufacturer’s instructions for details). For thorough coverage, use a stiff stencil brush to gently “scrub” the paint into foam surface. For faster painting, use a foam-safe spray paint; read labels carefully to determine if the paint is foam-safe. When spraying, rotate foam shape for better coverage.

**Gluing:** For a fast, sure bond, use a low-temperature glue gun; hot glue guns may be used but may melt a portion of foam. Thick, white craft glue is a tried-and-true favorite for STYROFOAM brand foam and the thicker the formula, the better the results. When gluing together larger pieces, or when a stronger bond is required insert toothpicks or floral picks between pieces to hold them

together while glue dries. For even more durability, use u-pins to hold the pieces together.

**Texturing:** Cover foam shapes with lightweight spackling compound, then smooth it, swirl it or sculpt it.

### sources

- STYROFOAM brand foam:** Genuine STYROFOAM brand products are fabricated and distributed by Dow Chemical’s authorized fabricators: FloraCraft Corporation and Smithers Oasis. You can buy STYROFOAM brand foam at your local discount chain and craft store.
- Page 2:* Black & white scrapbook papers: Luxe Designs
- Page 3:* Blue & green scrapbook papers: Basic Grey
- Page 5:* Green polka dot napkins: Target
- Page 9:* Red & blue scrapbook papers: Luxe Designs; Red polka dot napkins: Target
- Page 10:* Wood grain wrapping paper: Martha Stewart Crafts
- Page 14:* Dandelion scrapbook papers: Hambly Screenprints
- Stucco Finish:** Ceramic Stucco Texture Gel by Liquitex. Or, make your own with acrylic spackling mixed with a little fine sand; thin with a gloss medium, such as Mod Podge.

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