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PROBLEM TWO

redecorating

The challenge: Take a space kitted out for a teen boy and turn it into a **feminine but not frilly retreat** that can double as an office and a sitting room.



* HOW TO MAKE A ROOM YOURS

- Start with a favorite color. Peggy's is red, so Gia added red accents, like the picture matting (above right).
- Reupholster a vintage chair or sofa (shop yard sales if you don't have one) to coordinate with the rest of the space.
- Repurpose built-in closets to suit your new needs. (Peggy's became a bookcase.) Replace their doors with curtains to create a sense of warmth.
- Surround yourself with meaningful things. Family photos and copies of old articles Peggy had written provided wall decoration and inspiration.



To see more details of Peggy's bedroom-to-office makeover, watch TLC at 8 p.m. on Friday, December 5.

SHOPPING GUIDE

Gia's favorite decorating sources

Want to know where the designers shop? Here are some insider secrets.

FURNITURE: olystudio.com. Beautiful handcrafted items.

LAMPS: jonathanadler.com. Bases and shades that make a statement.

WALL DECOR: dvider.com. Playful, modern removable decals.

ACCESSORIES: globaltable.com.

A well-edited collection of everything from candles to cutlery from all over the world.

FABRICS: purlsoho.com. Great colors and prints by the yard.

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