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CELEBRATING INSPIRATIONAL DESIGN AND PERSONAL STYLE





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Gypsy Circa 2015

When it comes to a layered, collected, boho-inspired bedroom for a teenage girl, finding a starting point is everything – and it can be anything; a rug, a piece of art or a funky piece of furniture. Colors don't necessarily have to match, furniture *shouldn't* match and having a little "age" to the space is important. I recently installed a space like this for my client, Mary Houck. Both Mary, her mother Betsy and I wanted something really different – nothing mainstream. A cozy, inviting space with unique pieces was the goal.

So, where do you start? In this case, I worked with two fabrics, one for the windows and one for the dust ruffle. Both were filled with an interesting combination of orange,

grey and purple with a touch of lime green. Mary's one request... her love of the color orange be incorporated. I knew I didn't want to fill the space with orange walls, but it needed to be a large enough dose to fill Mary's request. We hand-painted two opposing walls orange with an irregular crossing of purple glazed stripes. With a wall color that strong, it was important to use it as just an accent color.

The fun part started in collecting the furniture pieces and accessories to create this interesting, eclectic look. I shopped vintage, recovered her existing headboard (which was perfect for the look) and filtered in pieces with warm textures and metals that complemented the look. I stayed away from chromes and





clean colors. I am a huge antique brass fan and now, with its major comeback, it wasn't difficult to find lamps and mirrors. With the furniture packing such a punch, my biggest advice for this look is to keep wall art to a minimum and embrace the mis-match! ❖

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