

PIECE BY PIECE

A tight budget doesn't stop this young designer from creating a personality-filled pad.

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Interior designer and blogger Jacquelyn Clark in her chic Toronto condo.

DESIGN, Lark & Linen Interior Design, lark-andlinen.com; Seattle Gray 2130-70 **WALL PAINT** (throughout), Benjamin Moore; **ARM-CHAIR**, EQ3; **TOSS CUSHION FABRIC**, Designer Fabrics; **BASKET**, Serena & Lily.



LEFT The scene-stealer in the living area is the vintage cart-turned-coffee-table picked up for a song. “We found it tucked in the back of a vintage shop, unfinished and missing a few boards,” says Jacquelyn. Boyfriend Justin Gagne completely refinished it.

COFFEE TABLE, Guff; floating **SHELVES**, **MIRROR**, IKEA; **RUG**, RugsUSA.com; **TABLE LAMP**, Elte; **TRAY**, Indigo; spotted **TOSS CUSHION**, Caitlin Wilson Textiles; star **SCULPTURES**, KO Sticks; **FLORAL ARRANGEMENT**, Sweet Woodruff.

BELOW An arrangement of artwork and Jacquelyn’s own travel photographs makes up the gallery wall in the dining area. Eames-style chairs pull up to a simple, inexpensive dining table, which sits below a sleek modern pendant light.

DINING TABLE, IKEA; **DINING CHAIRS**, Morba; **RUG**, RugsUSA.com; wooden tree **ARTWORK**, Coulson Macleod; Paris **PRINT**, Annawithlove Photography; **PENDANT LIGHT**, Lightyears; **FLORAL ARRANGEMENT**, Sweet Woodruff.

A builder-boring condo, tight budget and super-busy lifestyle might mean a very dull living space for a lot of people. But not for Jacquelyn Clark, the Lark & Linen blogger and former Style Me Pretty editor who recently launched her own interior design business. With a keen eye for decorating and a talent for transforming bland into beautiful, Jacquelyn turned the 700-square-foot rental condo she shares with boyfriend Justin Gagne in Toronto’s Distillery District into a chic home full of personality.

Plenty of Craigslist finds and hand-me-downs got things started. “I spent ages searching for the right pieces,” says Jacquelyn. A cabinet that belonged to her great-grandmother was painted black and now stores loads of stuff in the dining area. And her childhood desk, which sits in the stylish office nook, was also given a fresh look with a coat of black paint.

To make a statement in the office nook, where she logs a lot of hours running her own business, Jacquelyn painted the wall with bold horizontal stripes. “I would’ve loved some gorgeous wallpaper there, →



RIGHT The white IKEA nightstand in the bedroom was customized with a new brass knob. Jacquelyn created the artwork above the bed with her own travel photos, which she altered in Photoshop and then had printed.

NIGHTSTAND, FRAMES, wooden
SCULPTURE, IKEA; **TASK LAMP**,
Serena & Lily; **KNOB**, Anthropologie.

BELOW Like the rest of the condo, the bedroom is a smart mix of save and splurge items. An embroidered coverlet Jacquelyn picked up in India, for example, shares space with toss cushions by Brooklyn-based textile designer Rebecca Atwood.

DUVET COVER, SHAMS, Crane & Canopy;
SHEET SET, Serena & Lily; **RUG**, RugsUSA.
com; **TOSS CUSHIONS**, Rebecca Atwood.



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but budget dictated paint instead," she says. The result has just as much graphic punch as something pricier.

Jacquelyn loves to cook and entertain, and doesn't let her small digs hold her back. "We can comfortably seat eight people in

the dining area when necessary," she says – and often does. "As long as I have good friends, good food and good wine, life is great!" We couldn't agree more.

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ABOVE Painting the bump-out wall with wide horizontal stripes is a budget-friendly way to differentiate the office nook from the rest of the living area. Jacquelyn left the feet of the desk unpainted for a stylish dipped look.

Brushed Nickel P5244-62 **WALL PAINT** (dark stripes), Para Paints; **OFFICE CHAIR** (arms removed), Structube; **RUG**, Rugs-USA.com; **TASK LAMP**, IKEA; **TOSS CUSHION**, West Elm; **PEN HOLDER**, Anthropologie; **CALENDAR**, Waiting on Martha.



1 Flynn **TABLE LAMP**, \$295 US, Serena & Lily, serenaandlily.com.

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Brushstroke **TOSS CUSHION**, \$139 US, Rebecca Atwood, rebecca-atwood.com.

KO Sticks foldable star **SCULPTURES**, from \$40 US each, Design Within Reach, dwr.com.



5 Jute Chenille Herringbone **RUG**, from \$64, West Elm, westelm.com.



4 Eiffel **DINING CHAIR** in Black with beech legs, \$69, Structube, structube.com.

