

# Trophies used to liven den decor

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How do you fit a wild boar, a mountain goat, a Canada snowgoose and a duck or two into your decorating scheme? If your husband is an avid hunter who likes to have his trophies displayed, finding a place for them can be a problem.

Don't stash the trophies in a closet and hope they'll be forgotten. With know-how and planning, they can be used to give an ordinary room a strong spark of individuality and are guaranteed conversation pieces.

J. L. Hudson designer, Helen Kelly, was asked to solve the problem for a young couple when their house was

being built in Plymouth Township. As a result, plans were made for a combined trophy room-study to display the collection.

Nature provides a perfect color scheme for the unusual room, which is masculine in mood but not heavily so. A monochromatic blend of brown dominates the room. The deep walnut stain of the shutters is repeated in the built-in shelf storage area that covers an entire wall. The bear's head, which might have been overwhelming because of its size, is centered between the rows of open shelving.

Pieces of sculpture which the family collects and creates find a home here,

along with athletic trophies and a glazed lobster carried home from the East Coast.

By concentrating these smaller-sized pieces into one area, the designer balanced the size of the bear trophy and also kept the room uncluttered. The wall has a look of unity and becomes the focal point of the room.

Complementing the deep tones of the shutters and shelves is a gun cabinet of light cherry wood. Its amber color is accented and repeated in the woods of the guns it contains. The smooth texture of the cherry provides contrast for the grasscloth-covered walls and ginger-brown carpeting. Brilliant blues and greens of ducks poised for flight are shown off against the sand-colored

grasscloth.

The black leather inlays of the pedestal desk provide a perfect setting for the pristine snowgoose which stands atop it. The desk is cherry also, but in a deep-toned distressed Mediterranean finish.

"This combination of woods is far more interesting than if only one type were used," said Ms. Kelly. "By tying the whole room together with one color family, it becomes unified but not dull."

So bring those trophies out of the closet. A color scheme like this one, along with wise selection of furnishings, can turn them into decorating assets.

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