

OUR EXPRESSION REVOLUTION posted by Zoë

There is a lot of freedom decorating when you are a teenager. Anything that can be silly putted to a wall instantly becomes a display of your self-expression. Tickets to shows, posters of your favorite music groups and celebrities, photos and memorabilia all had equal rights to visual space in my room. Any photo or ad that could be torn from a magazine suddenly became wall art. The collage possibilities were endless! Anyone who walked to my room would instantly know what I was all about, because I was telling you, through my walls. How else could anyone possibly understand how much I loved Brad Pitt in Legends of the Fall unless I had a poster showing them?

As we get older and decorate our own homes, expressing ourselves through décor gets a little more challenging. We still have a desire for the things around us to reflect and speak for us, but we've moved way past our days of silly putty. There are great ways to bring personal touches into your home decor without sacrificing style.

Framing memorabilia such as letters, diplomas, and children's art can be a charming addition to a room, either for use on the wall as art, or on a shelf for visual interest.



A great way to display your love of certain movies or bands is to find pieces that are more obscure and artistic. They will still be a great conversation piece and you don't have to sacrifice the style of your room. Classic posters, artistic representations, or even typographic prints can make a cool statement while still expressing the things you love.



Below the framed typography on the left is a quote from *The Princess Bride*, and the art on the right is a *Star Wars* reference. Neither overtly advertise the films they are from, but still allow you to show off your fandom.



The holidays are a fun time because they invite the display of nostalgia pieces. With friends and family visiting it's a great time to dig out your niece's painting or the heritage piece your grandmother passed down to you.

A cool way I found for displaying children's art is to scan it and make a collage of the many drawings. I also came across this great way to display antique pins that might have been passed down to you, each with their own little antique frame.

But whatever your personal expression evolution is, there are always ways we can bring pieces of ourselves, family, and things we love into our decor. Even if your evolution started like this....



.... you can evolve into more elegant decor without losing self-expression in your space.



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