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Elements of Style

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### Events & Info

Wednesday, October 6, 8pm- Preschool Survival Kit. Free teleconference. If you are sending little ones to school this year (preschool or K), please join us for organizing and parenting tips to make the days easier. I am thrilled to be co-presenting with parent coach, Barb Bogle. [Register now for this free teleconference.](#)

October 13- Clear Path Strategies Clutter Support Group starts at Easttown Public library. Create your own maintenance-free files. [Click here for info and to enroll.](#) There are still just a few seats left for this small group.

### Recent Posts

Good Angel or Bad Angel?

Phones do NOT belong in the Refrigerator.

**Dear Darla,**

The old joke about quality is that most people don't know how to define it, but they know it when they see it. Style is kind of the same. In fact, last week at my decorating seminar, one participant stated that she enjoyed the before and after pictures coupled with explanations of the changes. She said, "I knew the rooms looked better, but I couldn't tell you why."

You don't have to have a big budget to make changes. Even if your budget is zero dollars, you can often make a big change by mixing things up in your home. In fact, ReDesign is the art of transforming a space with things you already own.

You may think that having a budget for decorating makes it easier, but that just isn't true. If you have to make new purchases, there are many more decisions to make, and what if you make a mistake?

This month I get to show you a den space that I've been helping a homeowner with. We made quite a few changes with a moderate budget, but some of the high impact changes were the least expensive, like paint and lighting.



Why does this work?

I love helping you feel good about the home or office you are in today, and even better about what it can become with just a few changes. If you aren't sure where to start, I hope you'll give me a call so that you don't have to wonder any more about how to define your style. There is still time for your home ReDesign (usually done in just one day) before the holidays.

Sincerely,  
Darla DeMorrow, CPO® , owner

P.S. The last Clear Path Strategies clutter support group for this year starts next Wednesday. If you want to get your papers and information under control, please enroll in Filing Freedom or call me with questions. See the link to the immediate left.

## Elements of Style

...**DO try this at home**

In a high use room like a den, most people want a casual style that can stand up to every day use and still look good for guests. In addition, this room is a classic "bowling alley",

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### Quick Tip

**Its Time To Switch To October! OMG, how did it get to be time for Halloween candy already? Flip your Freedom Filer from September and get ready to close out those projects you thought you might get done this summer.**

\*Want to learn more about this system? See the Filing Freedom group starting October 13.

### Next Month

Conscious Consuming

### Survey Results

75% of you would grab Fluffy or Fido if you had to leave your house in a hurry. Family photos didn't even get chosen in this survey! Maybe you all have them scanned and backed up in offsite storage. Good for you.

Please weigh in on this month's survey:  
**When will you buy your Halloween candy?** [Click here](#) to weigh in and learn some fun ways to add fall style to your decor.

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over twice as long as it is wide. And it has a bit of a basement feel, with very few windows and a shared wall with the townhome next door.

When I first saw it, the sectional couch was in the standard position...against the walls. They had a light neutral (safe) wall color. And there was next to no storage in the room, primarily because the furniture was hugging almost all available wall space.

We remedied the big issues with a different floor plan. The couch moved about six feet off the back wall, which allowed us to add display and storage units on the rear wall.

That also moved the couch to a more comfortable distance from the TV (think 2x the screen size), and allowed us to add a coordinating accent chair in what was previously unused space.

The wall color went gray. Yes, this darker neutral shade helped to snug up the long ends of the room, so the proportions seemed more inviting. Even with a color palate of chocolate, gray, steel blue and fresh green accents, this is not a dark and dreary space.

Along with the existing overhead lights, we added three great floor lamps, each with their own chic style and textures. No matching going on here!

You might notice that we have a circular theme going on in the room. This started with the chosen fabric on the accent chair, and was repeated in the floor lamps, the pillows, the decorative accents on the table, the art, and even the grommets on the curtain panels.

I could go on and on about why these and other changes make the "after" room an inviting space on paper and in real life, but I guess that is what blogs are for. When I get a bit more time, I'd like to share more pictures with you. If you haven't already, [click here to start getting my RSS feed from my blog](#), so you too can learn how to make your home fabulous.



Den...before



Den...after

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