

## SENIOR ROOM MAKEOVER BADGE

**Badge Purpose:** When you've earned this badge, you'll know how to do a fast, fun, and thrifty room makeover.

| Activity   | Materials Needed   |
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| <b>Assess Your Space</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Figure out how to make the best use of your space, then create an inspiration board on Pinterest.</li> </ul> | <input type="checkbox"/> Client design questionnaire<br><input type="checkbox"/> Computer with internet access |
| <b>Make a Plan</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Draw a floorplan of your space and choose what furniture and décor will suit your new room design.</li> </ul>      | <input type="checkbox"/> Paper and writing utensils or computer with internet access                           |
| <b>If You Build It...</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Refurbish and create new pieces to pull your space together.</li> </ul>                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Computer with internet access   |
| <b>Paint Job</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Decide what color will best complement your new space, then paint!</li> </ul>  |  |

### Getting Started

- For this badge, reach out to an organization in your community (like a local church, senior center, or nonprofit association) to see if they have a room or space they'd like to redecorate.

### Activity #1: Assess Your Space

Badge Connection: Step 1 – Gather ideas and inspiration

Materials Needed: Client design questionnaire; computer with internet access

- After you've found an organization to work with and a space to redo, get some inspiration and ideas.
- Talk to your "client" (the organization)—ask them a few questions so you're both on the same page about how the new space should look like. Use the questionnaire at the end of the activity plan, or come up with your own.
- Once you've chatted with your client, create a board on Pinterest—browse through some design blogs, furniture and home décor sites, and pin images that would fit your client's space and needs. Share these ideas with your client to see if you're on the right track in terms of how they envision the space.

### Activity #2: Make a Plan

Badge Connection: Step 1 – Gather ideas and inspiration

Materials Needed: Paper and writing utensils or computer with internet access



1. First, take an inventory of what's already in the room. Decide which pieces of furniture, lighting, and décor fit the needs of the space (for example, do you need a big table for playing board games, or a sofa for watching TV?) and you and your client's design aesthetic. Make a list of the pieces you'll be keeping, repurposing, and donating/removing.
2. Then, sketch a layout of the room or space you'll be making over and map out where the furniture, lighting, and décor will go. You can either use pen and paper to do it, or use an online tool like [roomstyler.com/3dplanner](http://roomstyler.com/3dplanner) or [www.planyourroom.com](http://www.planyourroom.com).
3. Go big, then small. Usually you'll want to arrange your biggest piece of furniture first, then figure out where the smaller pieces will fit in after that.

## Activity #3: If You Build It...

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Badge Connection: Step 3 – Sew or glue something; Step 4 – Redo something; Step 5 – Build something

Materials Needed: Computer with internet access

1. Look over the floor plan you've created. What's missing from your room? For this activity, redo or create pieces to pull your space together:
  - Remake a piece of furniture: Can you put new handles on the dresser to make it look more modern? Or paint the dining chairs to complement the other furniture?
  - Make something for the floor: Rugs are a great way to add visual interest to a room. Look online for a DIY tutorial (Pinterest is a great place to start looking) and create your own.
  - Make something for the wall: Art helps make a room or space feel finished and pulled together. It doesn't have to be what you'd classically think of as "art," i.e. a still life painting of a bowl of fruit. Photographs, old maps, even fabric can make great wall art. (Keep in mind the mood you're trying to create.)

## Activity #4: Paint Job

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Badge Connection: Step 2 – Paint something

1. Now that you have everything all staged, it's time to figure out what color paint will complement the whole space. Some tips to keep in mind as you're choosing colors:
  - What color will complement the furniture, lighting, and décor of the room? If you already have colorful furniture, it might be best to stick with a neutral color.
  - With bold colors, sometimes an accent wall is all you need.
  - Keep in mind the needs of the space: if the room is going to be used for rest and relaxation, choose a "cooler" color, like the blue and green families. For something bright and energetic, pick "warmer" colors, like in the yellow and orange families.
2. Visit your local hardware or paint store and get paint samples. If you can, get the sample pots of paint and paint squares on the wall to see how the paint interacts with the other pieces in your room and the general lighting. Sometimes a paint that looks great in theory will look too harsh or washed out in natural lighting.



# CLIENT DESIGN QUESTIONNAIRE

What works in the current space? What doesn't work?

What do you like about the current space? What don't you like?

What's the space mostly used for?

How do you want the space to feel (warm and cozy, inviting, kid-friendly, etc.)?

What colors do you like? Don't like?

Additional comments:

