



An accessory is anything you want it to be. Atlanta designer Sherry Hart, right, was pivotal in the business of design, as long as they have the right look and taste. The items in her bookshelves, left, are from Goodwill, stores for their blue covers and picture books give tags, other vintage and dirty accents artist's brushes displayed in jars and a collection of old glass bottles and jars—all picked up for less than \$100.



Let's Make a Steal

Atlanta designer and super shopper Sherry Hart frequents clearance rooms, secondhand shops, and flea markets to pull together comfortable, stylish rooms on a budget.

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"The best thing about shopping flea markets is that it gives you that collected-over-time look quickly. You never want it to seem like you just walked into a store and bought a whole room."

Sherry Hart



Change Artist

For Sherry, budget decorating is so much about giving herself options as it is about conserving cash. "Spending thousands just doesn't work for me. I like to change my look too often." White walls, a steel rug, and a slipcovered sofa and chairs—\$2,000 for the set on clearance—let her do just that. Each spring and fall, she swaps out accessories, most found at Scott Antique Market, her favorite flea market, and gives her room a whole new look. Here are Sherry's tips for getting maximum style and versatility at minimum cost.

Light up your space. A well-lit room feels like it's dressed up with glitters and a shine. "Use your big light bulbs, candles, and your accessories will give you all the style you need," Sherry says.

Don't panic when you see a bargain. Sherry found a green pig bin a long for her kitchen—candles, apples, using a bottle holder \$9 (less than \$10 at hardware stores). The long handle on the side, up top, is a change that she had never seen what you have in a good way.

Use what you have in a good way. The little table in the living room off the kitchen is a great work, storage, and the dining table. She says the white table is an old copper dining table. "I was given before it was red," she says.

Accessories and updates with style. They're her number one. Sherry says, to grab them when you see them, whether it's a wooden stool, wood, or other (you can't find). "Every thing looks better in a bag."

If you like it and it's cheap, buy it. When she's in the mood for a new look, Sherry's tip: she bought cheap up though she wasn't sure exactly what she was going to do with them. Now they look much character in the background. "The \$10, what an impact," she says.

Bring It Home

Love Sherry's sunny, laid-back look? These personality-packed finds—great deals every one—will help get you there. The self-proclaimed queen of the bargain hunt would approve.



1 Industrial look lighting without the usual price tag. Porcelain & light pendant, \$49.95, lowe.com

2 Modern farmhouse side glass lantern and wicker table, \$29.99, cymax.com

3 Strips of sea glass table, full back chairs, \$69 each, allegromark.com

4 Stress levator strap up any room.

5 Glass armchair, \$200, etsy.com, for more:

6 Quilted set for dining table, \$100, etsy.com

7 No-tilt string, \$20, etsy.com

8 Single piece in a small package, \$100, etsy.com