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CELEBRATING INSPIRATIONAL DESIGN AND PERSONAL STYLE

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## Fit For A Teen

**My client, Maureen Baudhuin,** presented me with a challenge: How can we add storage and style to her teenage daughter's 12 x 12 room, who loves all-things fashion? Her daughter Kimmy had shoes, purses, clothes, make-up and jewelry to store, but a closet too small to hold it all. The room had plenty of space for storage up high but not at arms length, where she needed it. Plus, the twin bed had to go — I was determined to give this tall, 16-year-old girl a queen-sized bed. So, where to start?

I love a "wow factor" focal point when you enter a room. A look that immediately grabs you and pulls you in. This room has a beautiful large picture window, so I wanted to place the bed in the center and work the new storage design around it. With the help of my carpenter Shaun, we created seven-foot-tall cabinets to flank the bed, with plenty of shelving and four new drawers below. The cabinets connected across the top with a long wooden cornice. This creates that focal point I love and also allows space for the queen bed with room to move on all sides. I find a lot of time that window-walls are the last place in mind for storage or furniture - but when done well, it's perfect!

Opposite the window-wall we then created two

more tall but shallow wall cabinets for everything glamour! Jewelry, make-up and shoes stand at attention on 16 new shelves, all inside two wall-mounted cabinets. A new desk and some artwork create another focal point.

With such a love of fashion, my color palette was clean black and white with a splash of color; a somewhat French-inspired look. The velvet headboard was stitched to resemble the classic Chanel bag and Christian LaCroix's floral fabric filled the window for a pop of color. Artwork for this space was also important to me, so Mekenzie France photographed Kimmy and some of her favorite things for a sophisticated, personal grouping.

This space now offers tremendous style, but also multiple storage options for Kimmy. It's a clean and put-together space with major glamour and a little wow factor. Think outside the box when designing a space for storage, and reconsider unconventional wall space for new storage possibilities! ♦

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