

# 6 DIY Ideas to Steal

WANT TO ADD SOME MULTIPURPOSE POTENTIAL TO YOUR SPACE? CHECK OUT THESE SIX HARD-WORKING OPTIONS:

## 1

### Unfinished business

Design your own entertainment center by combining pieces of unfinished furniture. Try flanking a console with two bookcases and coat with matching paint for a fresh, custom look. Prices vary; [whittierwood.com](http://whittierwood.com)



## 2. Take the party with you

The Formosa tray table (\$49.95; [cb2.com](http://cb2.com)) puts a modern twist on the classic butler stand. The removeable tray and collapsible X-base make it an ideal portable bar for your glasses and mixers. It's easy to carry out of the room when children are at play or from room to room when the adults are.



## 4. Do it all

The possibilities are endless with The Container Store's Elfa freestanding activity center. Fill the drawers with games, puzzles, or craft supplies for a rolling entertainment station that'll keep the kids busy for hours. \$369.89; [thecontainerstore.com](http://thecontainerstore.com)



## 3

### Disappearing act

Now you see it. Now you don't. Install your TV into a clever console. At the flip of a switch, your flatscreen will hide out of sight or rise to the occasion. Purchase the entire cabinet (available in lots of finishes and styles at [tvliftcabinet.com](http://tvliftcabinet.com)) or just the left mechanism to retrofit an existing cabinet or hutch. Prices vary; [tvliftcabinet.com](http://tvliftcabinet.com)



## 5. Cord corral

With space for four plugs, the Mini Cable Box with Power Strip (\$34.99; [thecontainerstore.com](http://thecontainerstore.com)) whips unruly cords into shape in no time and conceals big and unsightly power adapters.

## 6

### Picture this

Fridge overflowing with finger paint masterpieces? The Lil Davinci art cabinets store up to 50 pieces of flat art in one sleek frame. Your budding artists will love creating projects for the ever-rotating mini museum. Prices vary depending on size and style; [dynamicframes.com](http://dynamicframes.com)



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WANT TO GIVE YOUR BASEMENT A FUN FACELIFT THAT THE WHOLE FAMILY WILL ENJOY? HERE'S HOW:

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## 1. Colorful concrete

Ditch the boring cement and up the downstairs style with concrete stain. Homeowner/designer Molly Sinnett used Behr Premium Solid Color Concrete Stain, about \$26; [behr.com](http://behr.com)

# 2

## Total package

Two stovetop burners? Check. Sink? Check. Mini-fridge? Check. Storage cupboard? Check. This 30-inch appliance does it all. Ideal for a basement entertaining space, this compact kitchen (\$599-699; [avantiproducts.com](http://avantiproducts.com)) provides easy access to snacks and beverages plus saves space.



## 3. Hot tub

Molly used metal sawhorses for her two ottomans (page TK). Here's another option: Cut a piece of MDF to fit the top of a galvanized tub. Coat with a bold paint. Add a pillow. Now sit back and put your feet up on your industrial-chic new ottoman. Tubs run \$15-30 at [acehardware.com](http://acehardware.com).

# 4

Mink 33-25  
Pratt & Lambert  
Silver

Key Largo E25-2  
Dutch Boy

Juneberry SW 6572  
Sherwin-Williams

## Team colors

Inspired by music and sports, Molly brightened the basement with bold color balanced with modern neutrals like black, white, and warm gray. The high energy reds, oranges, and blues set a spirited tone while keeping it masculine enough for two growing boys' tastes.

## 5. Hit the bricks

Long for the look of exposed brick without breaking a sweat over traditional bricklaying? With the Brick-It system, adhere real brick veneers to a metal grid as you would tile for a faster, easier-on-the-budget solution. Prices vary; [brickit.com](http://brickit.com)



## Stomping grounds

Transform floors from flat to festive. Modularity Tiles are a cinch to install with a tile tape or glue. Plus, a thick layer of polyurethane coating makes these vinyl tiles stain and dirt resistant—perfect for high-traffic areas. Mix and match patterns and colors. From \$2 per square foot; [modularitytiles.com](http://modularitytiles.com)

