

Design Dilemma

Got a home decor question? Our senior decor editor, Karen Kirk, and Home Depot's trends and style senior manager, Frank Turco, solve your design dilemmas.

DILEMMA

When we moved into our house, we discovered the previous owners had left behind their 60-inch television set. The dry-walled unit they built around the television is deep enough to accommodate it and we love the look of entertainment units built with clean white moulding, but we are not sure how to transform this unit and deal with the big open space above the television. Please help!

– Shahin Pardhan, London, Ont.

SOLUTION

This month Frank and Karen tapped into interior designer Jane Lockhart's creative talents. Using Jane's diagram (below, right) as a guide, here are some easy ways to dress up your TV wall.

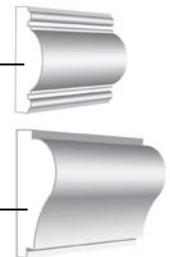
- Add 2½-inch trim moulding to the wall below the TV to create the look of a wall panel. Trim small openings with 1½-inch moulding.
- Install doors over lower openings; use mesh panels so speakers are not obstructed. Use decorative exposed hinges for easy installation.
- Build a shelf above the TV, using height of cabinet doors as your guide. Add matching doors.
- Add decorative doorknobs in nickel.
- Accent the open shelves with displays of books, collectibles, coloured decorative glass pieces, framed art and photos.



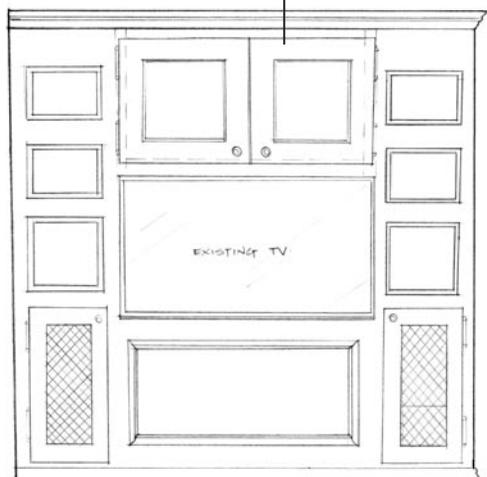
Martha Stewart Living Bedford button knob in nickel, \$4 each, homedepot.ca.



Martha Stewart Living Ox Hill PureStyle door in Picket Fence, \$211 per linear foot, homedepot.ca.



One-and-a-half inch moulding (top), \$19 per 8-foot length; and 2½-inch moulding (bottom), \$22 per 8-foot length; both canamould.com.



Paint the wall unit in Martha Stewart Living Picket Fence (\$38 per litre, homedepot.ca) to match the Ox Hill PureStyle door.

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