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all in time

A creative hand, frequent trips to favorite retail stores, and a whole lot of patience score savings and style in this master bedroom redo.

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FURNITURE FACELIFT

For every decorating project, Jen O'Brien starts her shopping at home. That's where she rediscovered a pair of tables she bought years ago. Paint, casters, and a shelf turned each into the perfect bedside table.

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AT HOME WITH Jen O'Brien, who writes her blog, City Farmhouse, from her home in coastal New York.

EVERY ROOM NEEDS "Something old and worn that tells your story."

BUDGET ADVICE "Shop your favorite stores often to learn prices and watch them fall. Be ready to pounce when the price is right."

BEST SOURCES West Elm Outlet, H&M Home, IKEA, World Market, thrift stores.



BETTER ON A BUDGET

Jen updated her bedroom without breaking the bank. Find out how she refreshed her mirror, walls, and nightstands. BHG.com/Jen

WALL POWER

In love with pattern but don't want the commitment of wallpaper? Copy Jen by taping off a geometric design on the headboard wall. Use the same background paint color on the other walls for continuity.

HEAD START

For \$65 in materials and her time, Jen refreshed her old upholstered headboard, ripping the shabby chenille covering apart to create a pattern for making the new linen cover.

BUDGET BASICS

Jen picked up an upholstered bench at HomeGoods and bought a burlap bed skirt on sale at Ballard Designs to anchor the bed. She can keep the setting quiet with neutral bedding or wake it up with patterned pillows.