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There are more ways to remake a room than knocking down a wall, adding storage, or repainting. These pretty projects will brighten a space in one mellow weekend.

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dressed-up drawer Love the lines of an old piece but not its finish? No problem. Give an accent table a quick face-lift with a bit of decoupage. Simply sand, prime, and paint the table, then cut decorative paper to fit the tabletop, front panel, and drawer front. Use decoupage medium to adhere the paper to the wood surfaces, smoothing out air bubbles as you work. Let the medium dry and seal with several additional coats for a durable finish.

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pillow talk Give new life to old wool sweaters by turning them into pillows using simple felting techniques. Wash the sweaters on the hot setting, using high agitation and light detergent. Toss in the dryer and watch them shrink into a felted material that can be cut without fraying. Cut rectangles to the same size and stitch them together to form the pillow base. Finish with flowers you've knitted yourself or pick up premade versions at a crafts store.



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