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Cures for a dreary dorm

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It's not news that most dorm rooms are more than a little depressing with bare space, white walls and empty shelves. Luckily, there's hope for the college-bound with these kitschy — and affordable — accents and essentials to give drab dorms a boost.

1. Various supplies
\$2.99-\$9.99, Target

Spruce up a white room and bare shelves with these colorful essentials.

2. 4-Function Ruler Pen
\$35, uncommon-goods.com

Cut the clutter with this inventive pen, which includes a

highlighter, a black ballpoint pen, a pencil and a PDA stylus all in one.

3. Metallic AC/DC Mini Personal Fridge
\$59.99, overstock.com

Just large enough for the necessities, these metallic fridges come in a rainbow of punchy colors.

4. Digital Coin Counting Money Jar
\$29.99, target.com

Squirreling away your spare change has never been easier and more efficient with this jar that keeps track for you.

5. Recession Coin Purse
\$6, fredflare.com

The economy may be

a mess, but it's easy to stay organized with this cheeky coin purse, large enough to hold a little cash and a few cards.

6. Wall Tapestry
\$19.99, Target

Tapestries have evolved from Dead-head-style tie-dye to chic patterns.

7. Post-it Super Sticky Weekly Planner
\$4, Staples

Stay organized with this Post-it weekly calendar that can stick anywhere to remind you of important dates.

8. Early Bird Alarm Clock
\$28, fredflare.com

Make waking up a little more pleasant with this analog alarm clock. It has a chirping bird alarm that glows to simulate the sun.

9. Clothespin Trash Can
\$24, uncommon-goods.com

Put your old plastic bags to good use with this cool garbage can, featuring a light wooden frame and clothespins for holding bags in place.

10. Nahui Ollin Planner
\$50, nahuiollin.com

This statement planner/binder is crafted entirely of glossy images from magazines.

11. Help Remedies
\$4 each, Ricky's

The guys behind these clever pills want to make it clear that solving simple health issues can be easy. They've nixed the fillers (coloring, flavoring), so each remedy is made up of one effective ingredient to cure what ails you.