

TURNING YOUR KID'S ROOM INTO A 'HALL OF FAME'

Faced with the challenge of updating our son's bedroom without doing just the standard repaint, we Googled away searching for ideas. Our surfing brought us to the Trim-Tex website where they gave examples of "Drywall Art." Navigating our way through their extensive photo galleries, we were amazed at the



imaginative ways used to improve the aesthetics in any type of room especially how they showcased artwork and memorabilia with extra layers and beads in ways that grab your attention and make you ask, "How did they do that?" Most impressive were their ceiling ideas. Yes, Ceiling ideas. Most decorators would never suggest changes to the ceiling without major investments in wooden crown moldings or the expensive framing involved with tray ceilings! We wanted to know more and called the company for a catalog which came with a copy of a magazine article featuring their EZ-Tray Ceiling System.

A friend of ours is a drywall contractor by trade, so we just mentioned the company and received a "good choice" nod which is always comforting. He explained that aside from vinyl being more durable than metal since it won't get 'all bent out of shape,' it also offers more flexibility so your imagination can take charge! After looking over the 14'x12' room, he pieced together a collection of ideas from several Trim-Tex photos that we liked and provided a design concept with a pricing structure of time and materials to fit our budget.

The tray ceiling product, appropriately named EZ-Tray, was our starting point. The actual framing out of the ceiling in 2x2's went fast, so a second layer quickly followed. We gained the uplifting effect of a traditional tray ceiling, but only lost two inches of room height around the perimeter for each layer instead of the standard eight inches, and the project cost so far was minimal. The most difficult part of this adventure was deciding the width and the shape of the initial tray and whether to install a second layer, the rest was a breeze! When we stepped back to take a look from the doorway, it was hard to believe we were in the same room.

Our next step was to build a lighted corner niche from floor to ceiling using vinyl corner bead, layers of drywall, and Archway L-Bead. Glass shelving would be installed for trophies, keepsakes, etc, and a team logo would be inset within the circle at the top. To generate a sense of motion, we added two layers of drywall near the ceiling to sweep around the room which would be painted with Dallas Cowboy colors pulling everything together. We were so impressed

with how easy it was to work with these products and achieve such outstanding results that we decided to add more!

For the finishing touches, the extra scraps of drywall and beads were put to work to construct a personalized headboard with a montage of his favorite sports. Last, but not least, we added a special Drywall Art frame to showcase the biggest surprise of all at the room's unveiling. With the money we saved by not using wood and minimizing waste we could now afford an official autographed Tony Romo jersey! Thank you Trim-Tex for making our son's dream room come true. Now, if we could only get him to leave his new room to empty the dishwasher!

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