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Functional furniture doesn't have to be boring.

In the Brooklyn living room of P.J. Mehaffey and Dylan Hightower, vintage lockers were repurposed as media storage and a thrift store console was put into service as a television stand.

It can be difficult to blend a disparate collection of objects into a coherent display. P.J.'s solution was to use wall cubes from West Elm as minipeDESTALS for his mismatched travel souvenirs. The result looks striking over the living room sofa, a throwaway that P.J. found on the street and reupholstered.



In the guest room, a vintage dental cabinet holds a television set and gives guests a place to store their things. A vintage hospital bed from a flea market is warmed up with a collection of colorful pillows from Hable Construction.



Any collection—however humble—can look wonderful if artfully displayed. The couple's vintage globe collection is placed on surfaces at different heights along one wall of the living room.



P.J. often finds treasure in other people's trash, like this vintage principal's desk he discovered outside the school across from his childhood home.

Above the desk, he hung an inspiration board that he made from a massive frame. Even an old gumball machine gets new life: P.J. transformed it into a fish tank.

Prop stylist P.J. Mehaffey and his partner, Dylan Hightower, are both masters at finding new life in old things. In their apartment in the Prospect Heights section of Brooklyn, they have created a home that reflects them both individually and as a couple. P.J. describes their home as a “fun laboratory” where no specific design rules apply, but where everything manages to work because they follow a philosophy they can both agree on: Surround yourself with things that make you happy.