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## Ask a Designer: Where Can I Find Affordable Wall Art?

Here, we bring your home design questions straight to the experts—interior designers.

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Washingtonian's "Ask a Designer" series takes readers' home design questions and conundrums directly to the experts—interior designers. Struggling to find the best kidfriendly rug for your mudroom? Looking for a desk to fill an awkward space? Need exterior paint recs? Send your questions to mmontgomery@washingtonian.com and we'll get them answered.

## "Where can I find affordable wall art?"



A sunroom designed by Kelley Proxmire. Photo by Kip Dawkins.

We asked Bethesda designer Kelley Proxmire of Kelley Proxmire, Inc. for advice:

"We use several sources for affordable art: First, try <u>Art.com</u> for a wide selection; <u>Trowbridge</u> is another favorite source amongst my team. We also use <u>Etsy</u> for unique pieces like nature-themed art. For vintage pieces, <u>Christ Child Opportunity Shop</u> in Georgetown is a go-to. For framing, we like <u>Chesapeake Framing Co</u>. in Kensington.

"When selecting art, first of all—buy what you love. Try mixing mediums in a space so you don't have all oil paintings hung in the same area, for instance. This will create a more collected look. And group similar or themed pieces together. If you have a collection of landscapes, for instance, try placing them together. For one of our clients who is an artist, we hung her black-and-white sketches together on a bright yellow wall. [Pictured above.]

"Also, blend vintage finds with new pieces and display art on shelves, side tables, and other places throughout a room besides just the walls."