

FUTURE THINKING

For renters, multipurpose furnishings make good sense

TAKE A LOOK AROUND |

- There's no end to what you can do with the mirrors. Here their round shape corresponds to the shape of the table, and they make the room feel larger. Later you can place them individually anywhere in your home, hang them three across above a bed instead of having a headboard, or arrange them vertically on a door instead of a full-length mirror.

- The table and chairs with cushions work well in this small dining space, but they can also be used outdoors on a patio or in the yard. Or, the table can be covered with a cloth and used to hold a lamp in the living room while the chairs move to the bedroom.

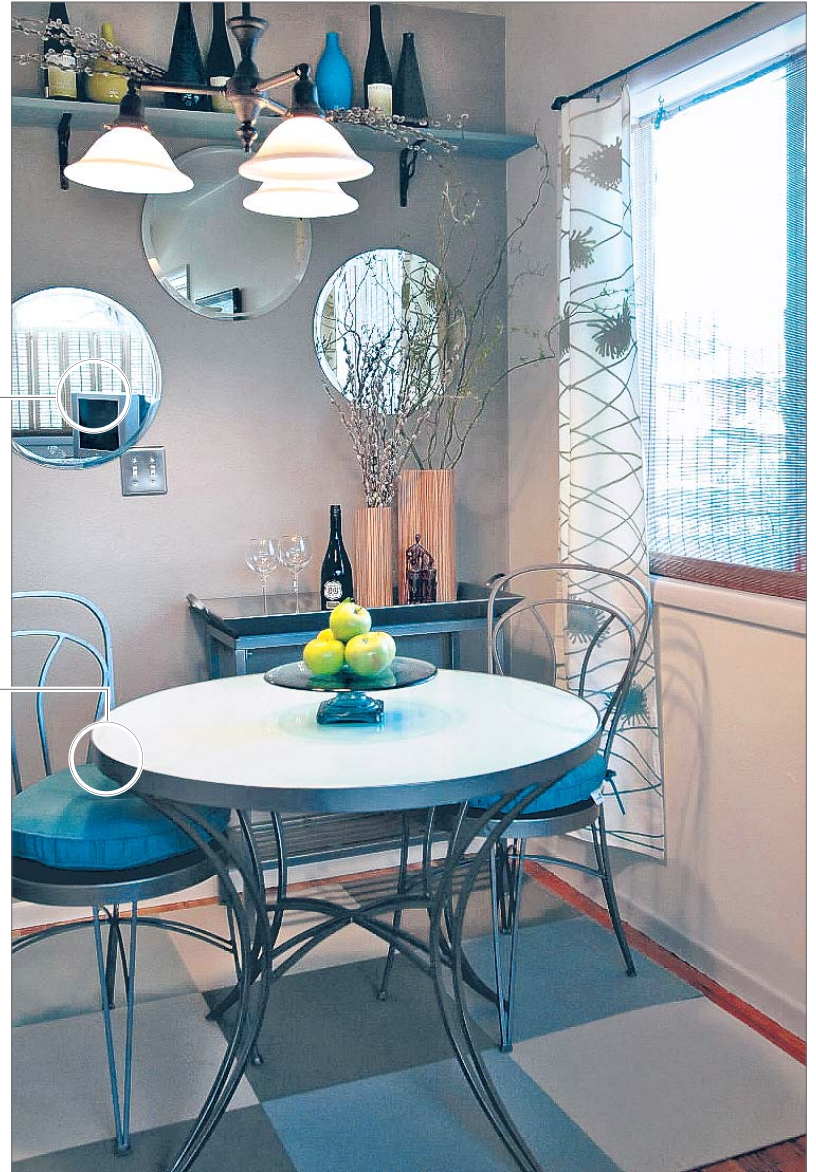
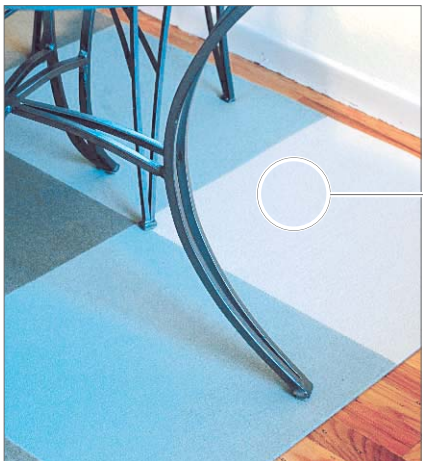
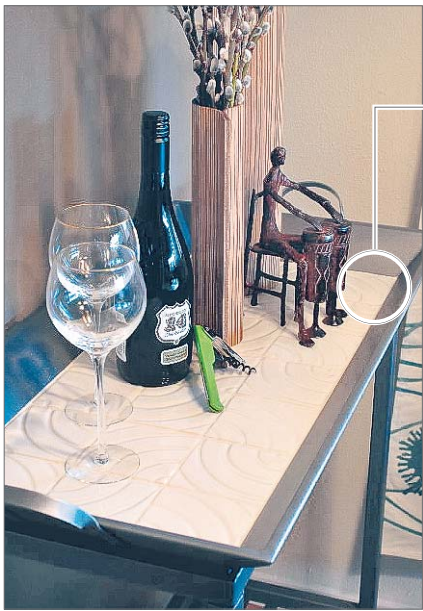
- The bistro cart with butler's tray on top works as a side table here, but in another apartment it could be used behind a sofa, or placed against a wall in a hallway with the two chairs framing it. Or, it could be used in the bathroom with towels on the lower shelf and toiletries on top.

- The curtains are actually table runners hung on rings that simply clip onto the fabric. The runners can return to their original purpose later or be sewn together to create one large tablecloth.

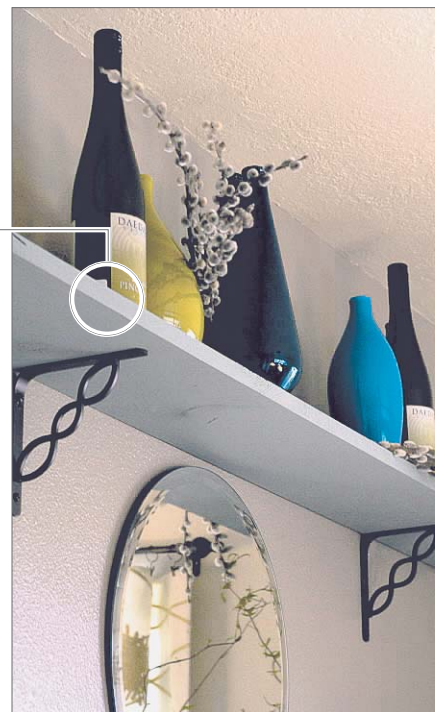
- The shelf provides storage and gets rid of what I call the "flat wall syndrome." The shelf can be used later to hold potted flowers outdoors or spices in the kitchen, or it can add an architectural element anywhere indoors.

- The carpet squares can be pulled apart and reshaped to accommodate any room or hallway. Two boxes of squares were used to make this area rug. The squares can be used over any flooring and won't damage what's underneath when you pull them up. •

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Pier 1 Imports: Four table runners (\$35 each), two chairs (\$89 each), two cushions (\$25 each), table (\$229), cake plate (\$20) and bistro cart with butler tray (\$139)
www.pier1.com for store locations

Target: Two six-packs of carpet tiles (\$59.99 each), drapery rod (\$19.99), two drapery ring packets (\$4.99 each) and three mirrors (\$19.99)
www.target.com for store locations

Tilde: Vases on the shelf and on bistro cart (various prices)
7919 S.E. 13th Ave.

Please Be Seated: Figure of person in chair on bistro cart (\$49)
8309 S.E. 13th