

the ultimate family room
A basement remodel yields parent-approved and kid-tested results.

As kids grow, they need more room. To give them that space and keep the peace, this family with two teenagers decided to transform an underused basement into a family room that meets everyone's needs. Clever design, a fiexible layout, and movable furniture give shape to a sprawling area that hosts study time, video games, indoor sports, and snacking.

Low-back upholstery, comfy poufs, and a mod chair provide seating options in the media area. An ottoman stores blankets and functions as a coffee table, perfect for movie night. Custom cabinets wrap around the flat-screen TV and conceal electronic systems and games. A dozen drawers, several with built-in dividers, arrange CDs, DVDs, books, and extra Foosball and table tennis supplies. Display surfaces at two heights hold collections, board games, and a tray for remotes.

The one-wall kitchenette is open to all areas in the room, so drinks and snacks are always close at hand. Open shelving holds

durable dishware, while plastic trays conveniently transport refreshments. The bar sink encourages quick cleanup, the microwave drawer heats perfect popcorn, and the mini fridge stocks cold beverages in abundance. A deep frame resting on top of the kitchen cupboards functions as a family shadow box, exhibiting baseball heirlooms. Nearby wall hooks are made from repurposed trophies and further highlight the family's love

Surrounded by powder-coated chairs, a streamlined dining table serves as a station for homework and jigsaw puzzles. For special occasions, this piece, along with the table tennis and Foosball table, easily slide aside. With the foor cleared, it's time to boogie down.

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items. A sectional sofa anchors the sitting area and spatially separates it from the kitchenette, without blocking views of the screen. An Earnes-style chair and pillow pouts adapt to host one or several friends.

Built-in cabinetry, above, runs wall Colorfui, collapsible fabric bins, Board games and puzzles, above, stack to wall, providing compartments for opposite left, fit snugly in drawers to inside cabiness that flank the television. electronics, games, books, and media separate and organize gaming devices. Plastic trays hold favorite card and dice and video accessories.

> Wood partitions, opposite right, equally dividg several drawers into four compartments that are perfectly sized for DVDs, CDs, and smaller games.

games, while fabric boxes contain extra pieces, score pads, and pencils.

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helpful for any stray Foosballs.

dry-erase board consolidates deadlines large bowls and pitchers. and social event reminders.

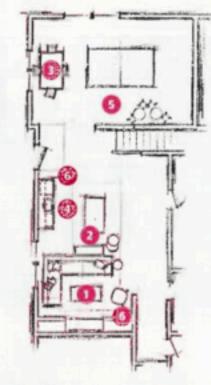
Carpet tiles, above left in three shades The dining table, above, combines A cheery letchenette, apposte top, of blue are the perfect solution for easy salvaged wood and metal legs to integrates a microwave drawer and cleanup and can quickly be replaced if confidently support textbooks or board undercounter refrigerator Cabinetry damaged. The industrial-style light fixture games. A wood crate gathers notebooks below the sink houses cleaning supplies, includes protective cages around bulbs, and project supplies, and a magnetic while the low drawer accommodates

> Upper cabinets, opposite bottom, hold microwave-ready snacks, seasonings, and stackable drinkware and dishes.



in the zone Smart furniture choices

make this basement everyone's favorite space to work, play, or relax.



LOUNGE LOW casual seating minimizes "Hey, you're in the way" outbursts during intense video game competitions.

2 NOSH Made from a leftover plank and a recycled metal base, this sofa table places treats at

stackable chairs, the

homework station

is comfortable yet

moves easily when

not in use.

Movable furniture can quickly be reconfigured for large or small arm's reach. numbers of guests and a wide range 3 FOCUS With of activities. schooiroomstyle table and

6 DISPLAY Tops of cabinets are an attractive solution to show off collections, family heirlooms, and stacked games.

4 PREP When

the gang's all here, assembling

refreshments is

a snap. Trails of

crumbs from the

kitchen upstairs are eliminated.

5 REGROUP