Dreaming within your Budget

This past week, you have jumped into the future, chosen a career, found your income, calculated your budget, found a place to live, and have taken the initial steps to transform an empty apartment into a home. Phew! Your final goal: create a furnished floor plan using HomeStyler.

**How to use HomeStyler!**

1. Sign into computer
2. Open Internet Browser, open

<http://www.homestyler.com/>

1. At top of screen, click on “Join Now” link
2. Create New Account
3. Record your e-mail address and password here so that you don’t forget it! \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
4. Now you’re ready to get started. ☺

**Steps to create your floor plan**

1. Create rooms from side bar.
2. Use drop down menu (little house image) next to “Rooms, Walls & Areas” to build, add, create landscapes, add color, etc.
3. Have fun! Be creative!

**Project Guidelines:**

**1. Rooms**

Must have at least 4 rooms:

* Bedroom
* Bathroom
* Living Room
* Kitchen/Dining room

**2. Furnishings**

Furniture that needs be included is listed below. Feel free to expand on this, but you must stay within $2000 for the required items. If you incorporate additional items, be sure to explain that briefly in your presentation.

* 2 couches (one can be a futon)
* Coffee table
* Dining room table set
* TV stand
* 2 lamps
* Desk and desk chair
* 2 rugs
* Bed

**\*\*Note:** You must furnish apartment for 2,000 or less. Floor plan that requires the least amount of funds, yet is the most creative and lifelike will earn a PRIZE. \*\*

**3. Color/Decoration**

Each room has color and decoration incorporated into it. Think of your own home; would you leave all the walls bare?

**4. Research:**

For each piece of furniture, record the prices given from the websites. For each piece, find the same or comparable on another website. Record that price and where you found it on a separate word document. You will be sharing a summary of this information this as part of your grade when you present your projects to the class next week. Below, I have illustrated an example of how you should outline your researched information.

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| Furniture Piece | Price found on website (recommended by HomeStyler) | Price found on alternate website | Which piece would you purchase for your home? Why? | Price of piece you picked. (Grand total should be at the bottom of this column) |
| Couch 1 |  |  |  |  |
| Couch 2 |  |  |  |  |
| Bed |  |  |  |  |
| Desk |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  | **Total $$$**  **amount** |

\* If you went over cost due to additional items, record that below your chart. \*

**4. Presentation**

**Guidelines:**

1. Address your opinion of the program and if you would/would not use this program for future design.
2. Address rationale (reasoning) for how you designed your floor plan.
   1. Furniture placement
   2. Furniture used
   3. Room style and size
   4. Space
3. Clear, articulated speech
4. Floor plan is ready to present to class while you are speaking
5. Summary of furniture research given