

Living-dining dilemma? Try a simple swap.

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THE CHALLENGE

Brad Heller and Derek Haberzettl bought a split-level home in Springfield last July but haven't had time to decorate it. They want to tackle the living and dining area but are on a tight budget. They need help with furniture placement and choosing art and colors.

THE SOLUTION

Designer Susan Jamieson swaps the living and dining areas to create a more functional and intimate space. She uses a room divider (not shown) to establish an entry space and updates existing furniture with paint.

JAMIESON'S SUGGESTIONS

Warm up the two spaces with similar grays: Benjamin Moore's Balboa Mist in the dining area and **Cumulus Cloud** in the living room. Save money by enhancing existing furniture. Add colorful pillows and art, and paint the living room cabinet (not shown in rendering) Lakeside Cabin by Benjamin Moore. Don't be afraid to put furniture in front of a window. Arranging artwork next to the window creates needed balance. Mix finishes such as linen, black iron, chrome and natural wood to create warmth and interest. Using the smaller space as the living room adds coziness and still allows for flow of movement between the rooms.

SPLURGE OR SAVE

SPLURGE: V bookcase and room divider (\$699, [cb2.com](https://www.cb2.com)), left. **SAVE:** Kosinski 72-inch standard bookcase (\$267, [wayfair.com](https://www.wayfair.com)).

SPLURGE: Crusade 9-by-12-foot dhurrie rug (\$699, [cb2.com](https://www.cb2.com)), left. **SAVE:** Dobby 9-by-12-foot flat-weave rug in indigo (\$400, [pier1.com](https://www.pier1.com)).

SHOPPING GUIDE

Furniture: Peking apothecary media stand (\$568, [dotandbo.com](https://www.dotandbo.com)); Palmer tray table in black (\$99, [potterybarn.com](https://www.potterybarn.com)).

Accessories: Plus sign printed runner rug (\$49), [Laurel Canyon ceramic table lamp in blue](#) (\$98) and [Aaron Morris Arenal art print in black matte frame](#) (\$59 for 13-by-19-inch print), all from [urbanoutfitters.com](#); [Monde framed map](#) (\$137), [Morale fiber canvas print](#) (\$90), [Frankie throw pillow in blue and gray](#) (\$60) and “[Home Is Where You Park It](#)” pillow cover and insert (\$50), all from [dotandbo.com](#); [Tianna ceramic lamp base in gray](#) (\$199) and [medium ivory shade](#) (\$59) and [13-by-11-inch dandelion print with no mat in black wood gallery frame](#) (\$59), all from [potterybarn.com](#); [rustic door knockers wall art](#) (\$174 for two, [atgstores.com](#)); [Lindon lumbar pillow in Spice](#) (\$20, [pier1.com](#)); [fabric shade flush-mount square light fixture in natural linen](#) (\$79, [westelm.com](#)); [weathered plank brick wallpaper in gray](#) (\$3 per square foot) and [New Era Treeline framed photographic 36-by-36-inch print](#) (\$270), both from [allmodern.com](#); [two-inch Durawood blinds in chestnut](#) (from \$69, [smithandnoble.com](#)).

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