

# Carnival Article

## Dress Up Your Room

By Mini Mizer

Being a kid has some drawbacks but with a little planning, you can turn them into a big asset. Does Mom occasionally tell you to dress up your room? Using a diplomatic approach, you might be able to accomplish this and at the same time, improve your display facilities for your Carnival Glass! Being a kid on a tight budget and trying to place your Carnival Glass in a small room can get a little tricky. Back when I was a child unless I had a paper route or ran a Kool Aid stand, I relied on an allowance from Mom and Dad. By the time you spread that around and put some aside, whenever you come across a nice piece of Carnival Glass, more often than not you have to pass it up. Let's face it, there is just so much space available to you to display and show your glass. Most kids do not have room for large display cases or shelving so that limits the size and amount of glass you can buy.

You are also limited to where you may shop, that is, you rely on mom and dad to take you to the malls, flea markets, auctions, estate sales, etc. Occasionally, you may have to ask for an advance so you can buy a piece of Carnival Glass. Taking on extra chores around the house might be a way to pay back the loan.

My suggestion is to set a limit on the size of glass you personally collect. As an example your bedroom will not accommodate very many Funeral vases, however, there are many small vases that require very little space to display. If you live in a larger city, you may have an IKEA Outlet that sells inexpensive shelf units in various sizes that are attractive and easy to install. A project for you and Mom and Dad.

Below are just a few examples of small, yet desirable vases that will fit rather nicely in your limited space. The ones I show here have one thing in common; they were all found in small antique shops, flea markets, estate sales, or at the end of an auction when most of the adults had reached their limit on purchases.



Rococo  
Marigold 4  $\frac{1}{4}$ "

Smoke 4  $\frac{1}{4}$ "

Frosted Block  
Clambroth 6"

Smoke 6"

Morning Glory  
Marigold 5"

Smoke 5  $\frac{1}{2}$ "

When you run across a small vase and do not know the pattern, if you like it and if it is not too expensive, take a chance that it may be something special and buy it. Below are two unlisted vases. One was a gift from a friend and the smaller was found at a flea market. Until I know more information about them, I named them myself.

Stippled Dandelion  
Pastel Marigold 6"



Panel & Dart  
Marigold 3"



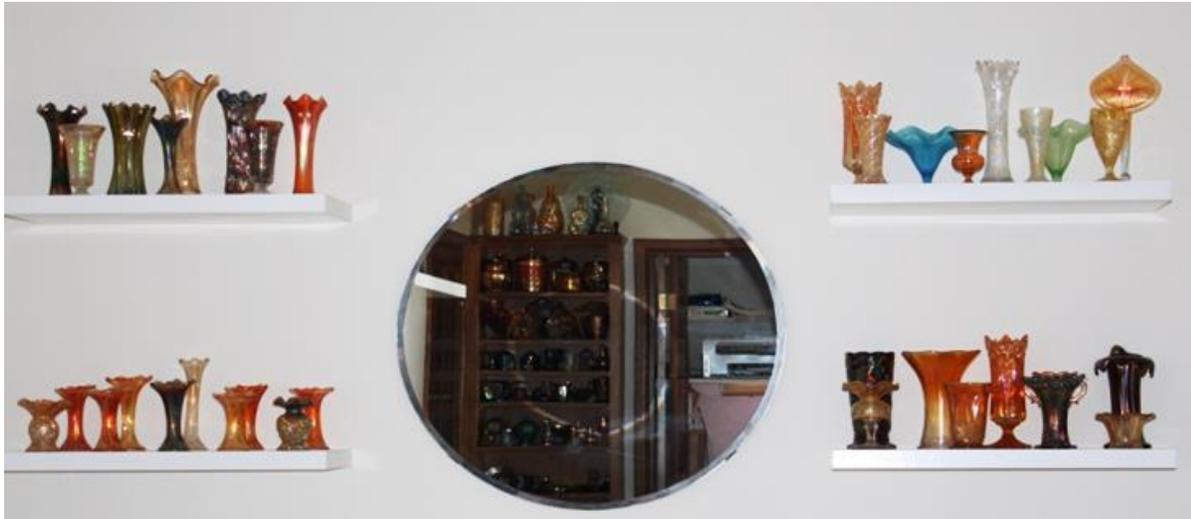
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## Dress Up Your Room, cont.

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Once you have collected a large assortment of vases that fill up all the surface area of your bedroom furniture, you then go to work on selecting your shelf units. To dress up my room, on the small wall, we installed [4] 24" X 10" units and centered an inexpensive mirror between them.

The larger wall has a mixture of [4] 3 ½ foot units and [1] 6-foot unit with a Carnival Poster centered among them.



Now I have removed the clutter from the dresser and chest of drawers and table tops and have a very neat room with my Carnival Glass properly displayed. Mom is happy and I have a lot more space in my room!

The next time Mom wants you to dress up your room, you might suggest this method for displaying your glass. You can also display shapes other than vases; just be sure and not go over the recommended weight limits on the shelf units.

Good Luck! See you next time ...  
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