

There's no need for holes in the walls behind the Bogart Cube Modular Sofa by Globewest, thanks to the Watson drawer bookcase that serves as a display case. Change things up as the mood suits you; globewest.com.au. Picture: Mike Baker

No nails, no worries

There are so many ways to decorate your home without putting holes in the walls, writes **Jennifer Veerhuis**



Art can be placed on a fireplace or even on the floor, as shown with Urban Road Total X — Granite; urbanroad.com.au



Decorating your home can be a lot of fun but drilling holes in walls to hang your favourite art pieces isn't always practical, especially if you're renting and you risk raising the ire of your landlord.

For others, having an assortment of ugly holes in your walls long-term is far from palatable, especially if you've recently had those walls replastered or painted.

Fortunately for people who would prefer to go with a nail-free option, there are other ways to decorate.

Interior designer and Better Homes and Gardens presenter Tara Dennis says hanging art is an almost instant way to add personality and colour to a room.

"Adding hooks, nails or screws however can be challenging for some, especially for those not feeling confident with tools," Tara says.

"Renters generally are prevented from adding any fixings — or else risk forfeiting their bond."

Hanging around

Tara, who is also brand ambassador for the Command range from 3M, says decorating can be much easier when you work with non-permanent hanging options.

"The Command range allows everything from frames and canvas art through to mops and brooms to be hung neatly, while being completely removable," she says. "Gallery walls are the big thing right now and offer unique and individual expression through groupings of images you love."

Tara says picture hanging strips are the perfect way to hang frames neatly and without lots of nail holes. Hidden behind the frame, they provide a seamless look.

"These can be positioned directly to the backs of frames eliminating the need for messy wire and hooks and provide a flat, seamless look," she says. "They're surprisingly strong too — the large strips can hold up to 7kg."

Catching the rail way

Another way to hang art without drilling a new hole for each artwork is a rail system from companies such as Art Hanging Systems.

Their rails, which are suitable for retro fitting to existing walls, are surface mounted to walls and ceilings and hardware and screw fixings are required about every 40cm.

Once the systems are installed, they serve as a discreet way to hang artwork while offering the flexibility to change the position of your artworks whenever you want.

"Homeowners and renovators buy the integrated rail products to build the flexibility into their spaces," says Art Hanging owner James Campbell.

"Investors like the systems because they stop wall damage from multiple tenants over the longer term and DIY is easy with the retro fit rail systems — basic handyperson skills, a drill, a hacksaw, tape measure and a pencil is all you need."

James says the hanging systems can hold from 20kg to 50kg per metre of rail installed.

Damage-free decor

If this all seems a bit complicated, the options can be as simple as placing your favourite artworks on the floor or a shelf and

then resting them against the wall.

Companies such as Luxe Walls also sell removable wallpaper which can be easily taken down if you wish to replace it or want to go back to having a painted wall.

Removable stickers are another nail-free option and companies such as Temple & Webster sell wall decals that can liven up a dull space. Their weekday blackboard set of eight wall decals allow the whole family to see household plans a week in advance.

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If you're keen to decorate your home without doing damage to the walls, it can be as simple as placing art on the floor or on a shelf or bookcase and resting it against the wall



The Little Sticker Boy Weekday Blackboard Set of Eight Wall Decals (left) from Temple & Webster allows you to plan a week in advance and is designed to be completely removable; templeandwebster.com.au



This Art Deco Oval wallpaper from Luxe Walls (above) can be printed on Luxe canvas, which is completely removable; luxewalls.com.au

Interior designer Tara Dennis (above) demonstrates how to use picture hanging strips from the Command range. The Shadowline integrated hanging system from Art Hanging Systems (below) is installed during construction and allows homeowners to hang artwork without damage to walls.

