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HOUSE CALLS

Christopher Olsen, 7, is moving to a larger bedroom in his Chevy Chase home, and his mother, Maria, wants to use the vacated space (a cozy 10 by 10 feet) as a craft room, gift-wrap station and guest room. She likes the Nantucket poster, nautical flags and two chests already there. Alice Busch of Great Falls Distinctive Interiors in Chantilly (703-759-4848 or www.gfdil.com) took charge.



Install a maple-veneer combination Murphy bed and table (www.murphybedsonline.com) that includes built-in bookcases. The table will fold down easily for work; the bed puts down over it for sleeping. The round mirror visible when the table is open resembles a porthole.



School House chair.

Paint the walls a deep blue with Harbour from Ralph Lauren's Thoroughbred collection and group the existing nautical flags together. Put a larger frame around the Nantucket poster and reposition the hooked rug.

Paint or faux finish the dressers to match the wall unit, and use them to store supplies and gifts. Add fabric-lined white wicker baskets from Target (www.target.com) for storage in the bookcase. A simple School House chair from Wal-Mart (www.walmart.com), in red or white, can be used at the table or against the wall for guest seating.



Sail Boat lamp.

Cover both windows in sand-colored, micro-fiber draperies from www.designerdrapesdirect.com. Floor-length panels will add height and soften the radiator.

Continue the nautical theme with a Sail Boat table lamp from www.nauticaldecorandgifts.com.



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