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AND WINNER OF THE
REVIEW’S MINI-MAKEOVER CHALLENGE



5-year-old Danielle Gagnon shows off her newly organized closet, part of the Review’s Mini-Makeover Challenge.

mini-makeover, major improvement

Two designers, one professional organizer, and one motivated mom transform the little girls’ bedroom from cluttered mess into charming nest

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Kim Gagnon was a perfect candidate for the *Half Moon Bay Review’s* Mini-Makeover Challenge. The stay-at-home mom of 5-year-old Danielle and 2-year-old Paige wanted to fix up her daughters’ cluttered and uninspired bedroom and turn it into an organized and fun place to play, sleep, create and hang out with friends - all within her frugal \$600 budget.

Our team of volunteer Coastside professionals - organizer Jeri Dansky, interior designer Corinne Mar and closet designer Diana O’Keefe - helped this motivated mom do just that.

The clutter is now under control, with toys and clothing stored neatly in special bins, cubbies or chests. Bulky, inefficient furniture has been replaced or reorganized for better flow and functionality. And of course there is enough

pink, purple and sparkles to make any little girl go ga-ga.

Gagnon said her daughters were thrilled with the whole process, as well as the outcome.

“Everything I did, they would ask me, ‘Mommy, is this for the mini-makeover?’” she said, laughing. “This was a great project. It really inspired me to do something. Now they just love to entertain their friends in here. It’s such a girlie room.”