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In encouraging others to pursue additional educational opportunities with both direct and indirect application to the employee’s position, the College emphasizes another of its stated goals—make education affordable and enhance our diversity.

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A Real Do-It-Yourself! 

By Hannah Brown '13

Ashley Stopera, in addition to being the College’s graphic designer, runs a Do It Yourself Blog, DesignWaffle.com. The Blog accounts her most recent DIY projects, with photos and step by step walk-throughs. Starting in early 2013, Ashley has posted about projects related to her home, wedding, and graphic design.

1) What made you decide to start a blog?

I decided it was time to blog when so many people were asking me the same questions. It seemed easier to just write about the process and publicly share it rather than repeat myself. To date, no one has asked any more questions so I guess they’re reading! I also had quite a few people urging me to start blogging and I finally gave in.

2) What is your beginner’s advice to someone who’s thinking of starting their own blog?

I started blogging in January, so I definitely still consider myself a beginner. I’ve learned a lot in just a few short months. I recommend planning out your posts prior to setting up your blog. You need to identify your purpose for writing and what information you think is most useful for your readers. Regardless of the subject, all readers want to see a lot of photos, and they won’t stick around to read a novel. I suggest keeping the text as concise as possible.

3) How did you first get interested in DIY?

I’ve been making all sorts of things since before I can remember. Like most people, it started with popsicle sticks and cotton balls in elementary school art classes. Then the next thing I know, I’m in my 20’s and I’ve graduated to upholstering office chairs, making chandeliers, sewing Kindle cases and all the other crazy things I get myself into. Every project starts with a Google search of what I’m looking for (with the initial intent to purchase the item) and when I can’t find it (because I’m incredibly indecisive and picky) I figure out how to make it. Then I share my process through blogging.

4) What has been the hardest DIY project you’ve tackled so far?

So far, the most challenging project I have worked on was sewing all new cushions for my Mom’s sunroom furniture... 13 in total. I’d sewn only one cushion in the past and I was really in over my head with this project. Apparently one cushion made me an expert in my mind so I agreed to the project without thinking. The deadline was very tight, due to a magazine photo shoot, which had me needing sleep. Was who needs sleep, right? My Mom and I were very pleased with the results. Afterwards I was saying things like “I didn’t think I want to do that again” or “why did I think this was a good idea?” I’m a good problem solver so when something doesn’t work out the way I’d planned, I always find a solution. I even fess up in my blog so my readers get a few what not to do tips.

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