



"We were doing too much work in here," Jen says. "Now it's the lounge spot."

She loves fringe, he's into steel

We stage an affordable intervention.

I'm in a band, and I can get you in the door for free." That's how 35-year-old bassist David Head snagged Jen Hazen's attention in an online personal ad a few years back. Well, that and the fact that he didn't have a comb-over. "I was getting all these messages from 60-year-old guys," says Jen, 33. "Then I saw Dave and I was like, 'Oh, he's cute!' The band thing was a selling point, too." The duo quickly realized they shared more than a love of live music. "We had about 10 friends in common—very Kevin Bacon-ish," Jen says. And everything was going swell until David moved into Jen's place in Chicago's Logan Square last spring—with his minimalist Ikea furniture in tow. "If I had my way, the feet of every piece of furniture would be little lion paws," says Jen, a former librarian and current freelance writer. Enter award-winning designers (and brothers) Chris and Dan Streng, who concocted this "pomo-rococo" plan (think postmodernism with an 1800s French twist) for Jen and David's bedroom. There's a difference between clean lines and being boring, Chris explains. "To make it interesting, you have to add a little something extra," he says. Get a play-by-play of the room's transformation at janemag.com/magazine. *Regardez et apprenez.* —Sara

Her vs. him

THE BEDROOM EDITION

WHAT'S YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH SLEEP?

Jen: "I wish I could get more."

David: "I'll sleep when I'm dead."

WITH SEX?

Jen: "Way better than sleep."

David: "Um..."

DESCRIBE YOUR DECOR STYLE.

Jen: "Vintage chic, easy on the shabby."

David: "Pragmatic punk minimalism."

INSPIRATIONS?

Jen: "Antiques and anything that makes a room smolder like Rita Hayworth."

David: "Ideas from Bauhaus: bringing art and design into daily life."

NOW SAY SOMETHING NICE.

Jen: "Every night David flips through stacks of design books for inspiration for his rock posters. The librarian in me adores that."

David: "Jen always wears wedge heels when she rides her bike—even for a 30-mile ride around the lakefront."

