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HOT ZIP 29072

## Lexington County boasts a hot housing market

With plenty of new stores and subdivisions here and on the way, home sales are booming in County ZIP code 29072. The area, which includes much of the city and part of Lake Murray's shore sales rise 14 percent last year, and most sellers are getting their asking price. The State's monthly look at a hot ZIP code begins on page G5.

# While you were in Canada.



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Interior designer Tiffany Soward overhauled the Fords' bedroom on a budget of \$500. Above is the 'new' bedroom; below is how the room looked before

## Designer fashions a romantic bedroom with only four days and a tight budget

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**W**HEN CHRIS FORD hired an interior designer to surprise his wife with a bedroom makeover, he gave her just two instructions:

His wife, Suzanne, doesn't like pink. And don't spend more than \$500.

With that as a guide, designer Tiffany Soward of Decorating Den Interiors in Irmo set out to transform the room.

There was one catch: The work had to be completed before the Fords returned from visiting family in Montreal during the holidays.

Similar to The Learning Channel TV show

ing a plan.

"You have to start with a plan. It's like going into war," she said.

She wanted to give the room a romantic feel with something of an Old World look.

She sketched the room, figured out what she needed and how it would fit into the budget. \*

On Dec. 27, she was ready to go shopping.

All of the accessories for the room were purchased at K-mart, Burlington Coat Factory and Garden Ridge, a home decor and crafts store in Greenville.

Soward already had some fabric and used that as a starting point for coordinating the pillows, window treatments and bedspread.

Sten three involved painting (walls and furni-

