Nerd cave decor

Items inspired by sci-fi and comics finding a place in living rooms

A couple of years ago at C2E2, during the second edition of the Chicago Comic & Entertainment Expo at McCormick Place, I bought a small terra cotta pot from an older man seated at a table. He never looked at me; he worked for the duration of our transaction, sculpting felted wool into small “Star Wars” figurines. His wife took the money and he nodded and continued churning and churning his wool into miniature cylindrical Chewbaccas and R2-D2s that he then placed into seedling pots, as though planting pop culture cactuses.

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Stephen Fodor keeps his pop culture collection in his Hampshire basement at his wife’s request.

If you ever come over to my home, his work is on a table in the main foyer, surrounded by a forest of framed photographs of grandparents, grinning family members, pets, vacations and the children of college friends. There’s a crack in the terra cotta now, the result of a family cat (appar-ently, more of a “Star Trek” fan). But it’s going nowhere. Fits perfectly, even tastefully. Something to consider if you head to C2E2 this weekend, or San Diego’s seminal Comic-Con International in July, or Chicago’s Wizard World in August. Amid the cut actors and comic book artists, the cosplay and Kevin Smith, there are smart decorating ideas to be found. “The truth is, C2E2 is 50 percent pop culture panels and 50 percent buying stuff,” said Stephen Fodor, an Algonquin school teacher and convention veteran. “Acquiring new information is important for geeks, naturally. But sometimes acquiring stuff is easier.”

Tempting too.

Of course you’ll find a place for a Wookie sock monkey. Sure, that artist interpretation of the
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10 can’t-miss events at C2E2

1. "Who is that?" and "Weirdos from another planet!"
2. "When we get to the end of the road, the world is wrong.

Get in line early for "Right, Even Sälen's (aka "SMILIEHED") also known as Shelly Boo, and Peter "Agent Carter" and Ming-Sha "Wang" of DISHONORED discussing their roles and taking questions (involving about their roles). 2:30 p.m.

Memorize the rendezvous, most inquisitive person can get in line with her correct, mighty superhuman.

When: Friday, April 24, 11:30 a.m.
Where: Studio 100A, South Building, 210 S. King Drive
Advance tickets: $20 for three-day pass; $10-$15 each day at the door.”

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