

HINTS FOR HOMEOWNERS

Fashions Following Color On The Home Front



Increasingly, the colors seen on fashion runways are following trends set by interior designers.

(NAPSA)—Home décor used to follow the fashion runways, but now interior designers are leading the way when it comes to color.

Recent fashion shows have featured blues and browns as the “it” colors for fall. At the Golden Globes, Marcia Cross of “Desperate Housewives” and best-actress winner Hilary Swank both sported rich brown gowns—a trend that can be traced to the soft, soothing shades of brown and blue that were spotted in stylish rooms in the winter of 2003.

A living room in a prestigious international show house in 2003 created in an elegant, neoclassic style by Paris-based designer Jean-Louis Deniot was made sumptuous by dark-stained wood floors, an antique wood writing desk, upholstery fabrics in shades of brown and blue, buttery leather seating and Provenance® woven wood shades flanked by blue- and brown-patterned silk damask curtains.

“These are the most sophisticated bamboo shades I have seen,”

Deniot said. “They are made up of many different materials—strips of wood, bamboo and dark brown string.” Woven wood shades break up the light, adding interesting highlights to the rooms.

New colors on the horizon are melon colors such as honeydew and cantaloupe spiced with citrus tangerine. These refreshing shades are showing up in both fashion windows and home décor.

These tropical colors are also enhanced by the textures and earth-toned palette of Provenance woven woods shades, which are available in reeds, grasses and wood slats, in addition to bamboo, for a total of almost 70 fabric colors and styles.

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