

Decorator's Notebook

Weekend Home Decorating: More Than A Sometime Thing

(NAPS)—When decorating a weekend home, interior designers advise, put more emphasis on “home” than on “weekend.” More than 70 percent of the nation’s six million-plus vacation homes are built for year-round use, according to the National Association of Realtors, a fact that reinforces these designers’ suggestions.

“When weekend home clients want a southwest theme, I warn them that they will quickly tire of the howling coyote statue,” quips Linda Britt, a member of the American Society of Interior Designers and president of Linda Britt Interior Design, Inc., Tucson, Arizona.

“Guest rooms are an exception,” she adds. “When they visit, guests expect to be immersed in the area’s atmosphere. They are on vacation.” For a farm or house in the woods, consider a guest room dressed in Village wallpaper patterns from Vintage Countryside such as the roosters in Farm Fresh Border or the maple and pine trees in the Timberfalls series, respectively.

Design plans that can be executed quickly and ease-of-maintenance are two important factors in second-home decorating, the designers say. “Second homes represent relief from everyday stress,” Britt reasons. “Look for materials that are easy to clean, such as tile floors with washable area rugs and scrubbable wallpaper.”

A convenient way to take the guesswork out of achieving a wonderful look is through Waverly Place retailers, and decorating stores that carry Waverly pillows, valances, chair pads and offer a full-range of home fashion accessories in addition to wallpaper and borders. Along with Village and Waverly, you will also find Gramercy brand wallpapers and a staff trained to help.

Wallpaper quickly gives rooms a



Timberfalls Border and Timberfalls Toss wallpaper from the Village Vintage Countryside collection are perfect for the home office/guest room of a weekend retreat in the woods or countryside, because vacationing friends will delight in the atmosphere created by leaves with berries and pine sprigs with cones.

finished look. “For most of the home, choose classic rather than trendy patterns,” advises Priscilla Hairston, a member of the Interior Design Society and owner of Interiors by Priscilla, Plantation, Florida. Time-honored Waverly patterns from the Bella Tuscany collection include wallpaper and fabric in Chianti Border’s grapes and La Frutta, that captures voluptuous citrus fruits with an overlay of distress rubbing on a textural background with “*oranges and lemons*” written in a handsome script.

To learn more about quick and easy decorating solutions that will make a second house immediately feel like home, call 800-523-1200 or visit the Web sites www.waverly.com and www.villagehome.com.