

## Room for Design

# Fabric can work miracles

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In the past few years, a fabric revolution has taken place in the interior design field.

It has completely altered our concept of what can be done with fabric to change the look of a room or piece of furniture. It began with a desire for more pattern and texture in modern rooms.

This soon developed into a delight in trying pattern on pattern and texture against texture and ultimately, a melange of all in an exhilarating burst of color and line.

Fabric has become the weapon with which we can attack the prefabricated and standardized design that is being foisted upon us by contemporary builders and furniture-makers.

It's the first line of defense against the sterility of the newer construction materials. It gives expression to an innate need for warmth, individuality and color.

THE CRAFTS OF fine woodworking, carpentry and finishing are rapidly disappearing from the contemporary scene. The things found in stores are almost always overpriced, machine cut and finished, and tasteless. These pieces bear the same relationship to good furniture as a scrambled egg does to a soufflé.

What is true of contemporary wooden furniture is even more true of things made of newer materials such as

lucite, aluminum, stainless steel, glass and the acrylic plastics. They have as much personal style as stamped-out cookies.

Pillows, upholstery, slipcovers, throws — these are the obvious ways in which fabric can enliven furniture. What about covering the whole thing with fabric? It's possible, it's fun and it's inexpensive.

Instead of buying some overpriced piece with the dual built-in obsolescence of style and utility, experiment with "fabric-eating" unpainted furniture, old furniture from the attic, and junk furniture from the thrift shop. Investment is minimal and the results often extraordinarily satisfying from both the crafter's and the decorator's point of view.

FURNITURE is just the first stage in the fabric revolution against the dreary, the conventional and the monotonous in design and decor. With fabric, drawers and closets can be made decorative as well as functional; a television set can become a part of the color scheme instead of a blot; telephones can come in any number of colors and patterns instead of only Ma Bell's six decorator shades, and an old box spring can become an Oriental divan.

Do you have a room with bad walls and a decaying ceiling, or one with monotonous walls and ceiling typical of new cubicle construction?

Fabric can change all of that. It can turn a plywood or cement floor into something that can rival the parquet of Versailles. Certain rules of thumb follow when using fabric:

Don't choose a fabric that will overwhelm the area in which it is to be used.

In a very bright space, avoid fabrics with shocking or vibrant colors, or those with a sheen to their texture. They will cause a glare that is most unpleasant.

In dark places, dark colors will lose tone and subtlety. They will be much too somber.

If the fabric has a print, always buy more than you think you will need. The more elaborate the print, the more fabric will be needed.

It is a talent to see a nondescript wall or piece of furniture and visualize texture, pattern and color enhancing it. All it takes is an open mind and a love of pattern and color.

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