

# New finery can make a well-dressed bed

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What will the best dressed beds in your neighborhood be wearing this spring?

Perhaps it's time to take a good objective look at your bed. Bed linens, like ready-to-wear, have a fashion cycle that moves along rather quickly.

Here is a rundown on the most popular looks as well as some of the newest styles and colors.

Lace has always been popular in bedding but the new styles are more luxurious than ever before. Lace and satin borders are now available on blankets, comforters, dust ruffles, pillows and towels as well as sheets and pillow cases.

Lace, satins and eyelets all work wonderfully together so it's no problem

to add or update here. Lace is a classic look and never really goes out of style. It also has a wonderful ability to blend with prints and otherwise rather busy decor.

**THE TOTAL** coordinated look is growing. Important patterns are now available to coordinate throughout the bed and bath. This is an especially effective look if you are fortunate enough to have a personal bath connected to the bedroom.

Some of the new ensembles even have coordinated bath accessories such as a soap dish and waste basket. The repetition of a particular theme or motif is especially pleasing in bed and bath merchandise. It creates a story

that has the ability to make a real decorating statement.

Solid color statements are big news. Colors never available before in bed linens such as black plum and teal are creating many decorating options. And again they are often available as an ensemble. This should be particularly good news to those of you who have unusually colored wallpaper.

Notice how these high fashion solid color sheets are quick to adapt to women's ready-to-wear fashions. These new colors in combinations that coordinate with existing decorating schemes is what the news is all about. Today color is fashion and colors become dated rather quickly.

**WATCH WOMEN'S** apparel for color content and you will always be ahead of the game since home fashion colors have a tendency to follow ready-to-wear.

One of the major trends in bed linens has been to bring in better merchandise. As prices continue to escalate we look for better quality that is expected to last longer. There is a renewed interest in all cotton sheets and higher thread count percales.

As home furnishings continue to es-

calate in price, people are demanding more value. They want a better product that will last longer and they are willing to pay for it.

This spring the ultimate fantasy will be unveiled — a 100 percent all cotton sheet with no iron characteristics. Not exactly a no-iron sheet but the next best thing. The industry has finally developed an all-cotton sheet that is supposed to rival the easy care features of a blend. It certainly will be one of the most beautiful new sheets on the market with a very elaborate lace border that looks as if it were handmade in Ireland. To a lot of us, this promises to be a real blessing.

The down industry is booming. American beds are dressing in European styles. All-down comforters are the rage. Chilled quilted, buttoned or tied, this staple of European life is quickly becoming a common sight on American beds.

**AND WATCH OUT**, once you get used to sleeping under the luxury of down you will want to donate your blankets to your favorite charity. And because of new trade with China, down is now more affordable than you might think.



## Mandziara-Leahey

Mr. and Mrs. Edward R. Mandziara of Farmington Hills announce the engagement of their daughter, Catherine Mary, to Edward Joseph Leahy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Leahy of Warren.

A May wedding is planned.

## Women meet Wednesday

Women of North Farmington meet at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 16 for a tour of Farmington Advisory Council and Community Living Centers. After the tour lunch is scheduled in Roman Terrace Restaurant.

Guests are invited to call Fran Given, 464-8095 for a reservation. Cost is \$6.

## Waldorf Kinder House 'redefines' kindergarten

Open house runs from 2-5 p.m. Sunday, April 27, in Waldorf Kinder House, a non-profit kindergarten and nursery school, 16945 14 Mile Road, Birmingham.

At 3 p.m. Rosemary Gebert, a language arts specialist and faculty member of Waldorf Institute of Mercy College, will address guests with a lecture called "The Kindergarten Redefined."

She will discuss what kindergarten activities prepare children best for the next stage in school, as well as other developmental aspects of the kindergarten experience.

During the open house there will be a demonstration of the kantele, a child's lap harp. Books will be available for sale and refreshments will be served.

The Waldorf method of teaching

stresses the importance of making the preschool experience a positive and joyful beginning to a lifetime of learning.

Ms. Gebert is a native of Britain who was educated in Waldorf schools in Switzerland and England. As a class teacher she worked for many years with children who had special learning problems.

She is now director of language arts in Detroit Waldorf School. At Mercy College she instructs teacher trainees in the language arts program, and in the spinning, weaving and crafts programs.

Most recently she translated "Purpose of Toys and How to Make Them" into English, which will be published for distribution in the U.S. this fall.

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