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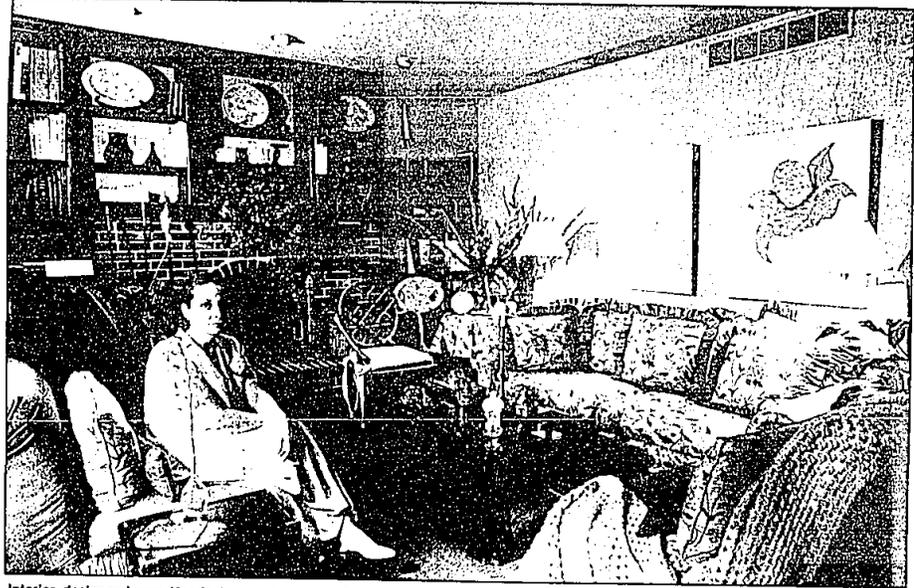
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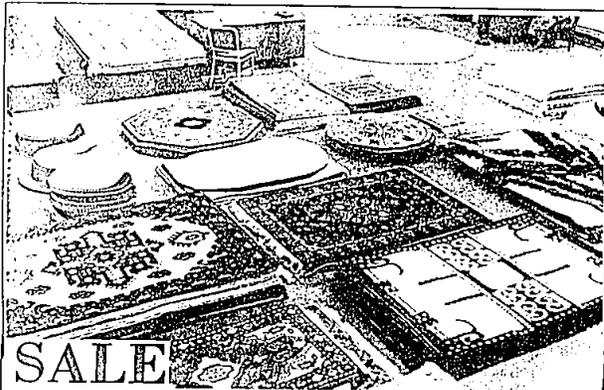
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Interior designer Laura Kaminsky created a "basket of flowers" feeling with a combination of a floral chintz and accessories for the family room in her Livonia home.



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## Bringing the garden indoors

One look at the family room setting of Ken and Laura Kaminsky's tudor-style home in Livonia and it becomes apparent that the couple love flowers. It's reflected in the total picture that Laura Kaminsky created through the use of a perky floral chintz in the sofa and other special highlights, including large batik prints over the sofa.

The eye is immediately drawn to the prints that Kaminsky had an artist create after she gave the artist a swatch of the material.

"WHAT I WAS trying to create was a garden effect," said Kaminsky, an interior designer with Walter Herz Interiors, Southfield.

"I wanted the room to give the feeling of a basket of flowers," she said.

To do so, she used a toasty brown textured wall covering that resembles hop-sacking. "That gave the basket setting," she said.

For bouquets of flowers, she introduced a luscious pink-mauve-green floral chintz used in the couch and several

chairs. For an accent, she chose a raspberry fabric on one of the side chairs.

To carry out the botanical theme even further, she used a charming garden pesto rattan chair to complete the picture.

But the "sparkle" of the room is really in the use of accessories, said Kaminsky.

The end result is a mixture of many periods, she notes, but Country French dominates. A lot of that comes from her prize possession, a delicate bombe chest.

"It was one of the first pieces of furniture we bought," said Kaminsky, "and it's still my favorite."

Kaminsky also admits an affinity for vases. They are everywhere in all sizes and shapes and textures. Notable are the Etruscan glass beauties in a wall arrangement over the fireplace.

And regardless of the season, fresh flowers or vines will always be the finishing touch, she said.

"I love color and I love flowers," she smiled. "All ways and all year."



A Country French bombe chest is a charming focal point in the Kaminskys' tudor-style home in Livonia.

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