

More formality in fabrics

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can consumers have become more sophisticated and are often influenced by museum exhibitions such as the Gauguin exhibition at the Smithsonian Institution."

Schumacher's ethnic collection will be based on Peruvian and Inca documents in the American Museum of Natural History. Its introduction this fall will coincide with the opening of a new museum wing devoted to those cultures.

ACCORDING TO Frankel, leather remains very popular. She advises care, however, in choosing leather furniture. Try to make sure the leather will keep its good looks over the year and not crack, she says.

What's out? Mauve apparently is being recolored to look like rose in many fabric lines. And there is an increase in green at the expense of blue.

Should you care what's in and what's not? Not necessarily. But

if you are redecorating over several years, it will be easier to find coordinating accessories if you

choose something that is beginning its time rather than at its end.

Table setting important

AP — An attractive table setting, it is said, enhances a meal.

Before selecting your tableware, you should decide on the point of view you want to take and choose a pattern that reflects your individual style.

"Dinnerware will be the foundation of your well-dressed table," says Alice Kolator, director of public relations for Lenox China and Crystal. "Keep a close eye on pattern and color. When mixing and matching patterns, follow the basic rule that background colors should always match."

"Flatware," she says, "can repeat and enhance a motif established by a dinnerware pattern. Or it can make a statement all its own. It offers great flexibility when mixing and matching patterns."

AS FOR CRYSTAL, the "crowning jewel of your table," Kolator advises: "A more heavily cut crystal is best when joined with simple dinnerware. Delicately cut crystal is more versatile and can be used with a wide variety of dinnerware patterns."

"The younger generation is fascinated with food and it's spreading to their dinnerware," says Peter Jungkunst, executive vice president of Jungkunst China. "People are investigating the consumer benefits as well as the aesthetics of china."

Jungkunst says eating from china encourages food variety in a meal. "People are more likely to include all four of the food groups when serving a meal on china," he says. "While eating on paper plates encourages one to eat an imbalanced meal."

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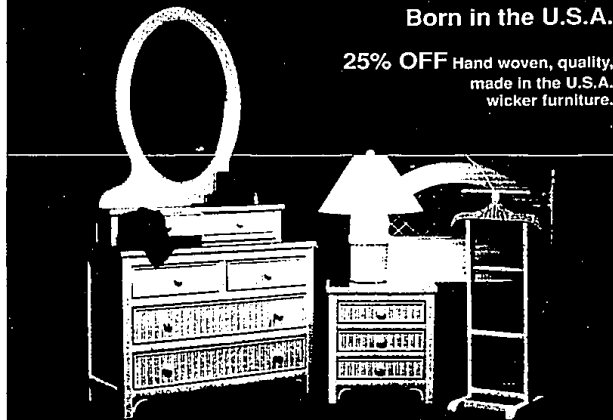
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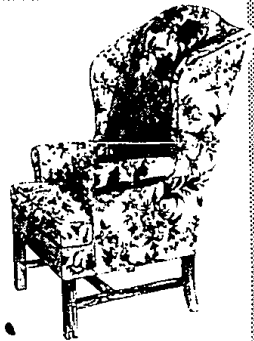
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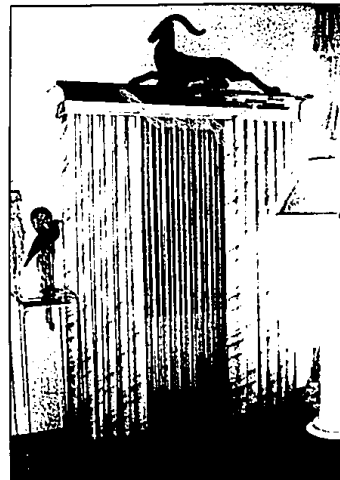


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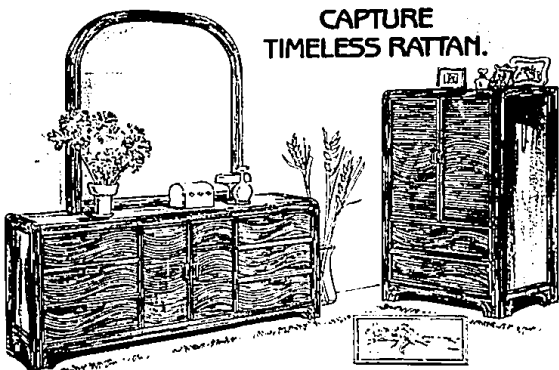
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