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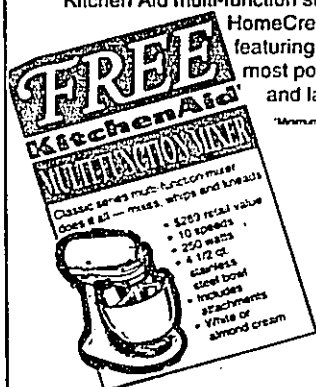
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To define "charm" involves adjectives such as tasteful, subtle, quiet elegance, nostalgic and refinement. Charm cannot exist without similarly descriptive terms. Words such as flamboyant and electrifying would never relate to "charming," although they describe a different but nevertheless fabulous look.

Old World charm conjures up its own image. It is essentially soft. Creating your own look will involve antiques, semi-antiques or good reproduction furniture. Accompany these with designed or old rugs, lamps and bibelot of distinction. Printed fabrics of large scale or tiny repeats can be culled from historic preservations, or from newer versions. The slightly faded coloring of plain textures and stripes are commendable. Tapestries, cotton velvets and chenilles are wonderful allies to this Old World look.

My considered opinion is that the mix of the many cultures of the Old World is from whence comes the charm. People didn't collect their treasures by visiting a furniture store and making bulk purchases. Their collections were achieved by choosing or inheriting one

piece at a time or shopping at their famous "flea markets." Consequently eclecticism was inevitable, enviable and wondrous.

From the many cultures French furniture was the most coveted, whether it was Provincial, or more formal Louis XIII, Louis XIV, Louis XV or very formal Louis XVI. It wasn't unusual to combine any of the foregoing with Dutch, (more ponderous) Spanish, English, German or even Oriental pieces — whatever came to hand.

Very large area rugs weren't the norm. More commonplace were several smaller Oriental rugs of similar character, exposing much hardwood flooring. A couple of groupings of furniture to seat four to six people each was desirable. Using templates in 1/4-inch scale would have been helpful, as we do it now. In the Old World these groupings just "happened," exuding a special casual charm.

Said seating was achieved by combining a small two-seat settee or a sofa with several UNMATCHED chairs and antique (?) tables. I always recommend comfort. No one wants to sit on stiff, hard chairs. There are so many singular period seating pieces, whether new or old. By name there is one called the "Martha Washington" chair, or an open

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