

Fabulous FURNITURE 2001

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said. Seascapes, lighthouses and beaches remain popular motifs in bathrooms. Brusk tells customers that mildew-resistant and highly washable paint is best for these rooms. Floral wallpapers and sponge or faux paint designs are popular in adult bedrooms, she said.

Sizing the wall is always important if you're applying wallpaper, according to Marilyn Waldorf, manager of Border and Wallpaper Outlet in Canton. It's also one those steps that a lot of home decorators like to skip.

The mixture is applied on the wall with a brush and looks like a thick paint.

It dries over night and acts as a barrier between the wallpaper and the wall, which lessens the chances of damage to the surface.

"It's also easier to put up the wallpaper, because it adheres better," she added.

Don't assume you know how to

hang the wallpaper even if you've done it before, Waldorf said.

"Follow directions for the paper you're using," she said. "Every paper is different."

One way to be creative, she added, is to use cut-out wallpaper designs called Wallies.

They're prepepasted and easily adhere to walls and other surfaces, like furniture and doors, for a varied decorating style.

"They'll stick to any surface without sizing," Waldorf said. "They're used in a lot of crafts, too."

Borders, or thin strips of wallpaper, can be hung anywhere from the ceiling line to the child's eye level and everywhere between.

"Bordering is really popular," Waldorf said. "They're very simple and easy to change. They're especially good in kids' rooms, because as the child grows and their tastes change, it's simple to put up and take down at your whim."

Tom Sterling, assistant marketing manager of Sherwin-Williams in Bloomfield Hills, tells his customers to use latex paint in bedrooms and bathrooms, because it's easy to clean.

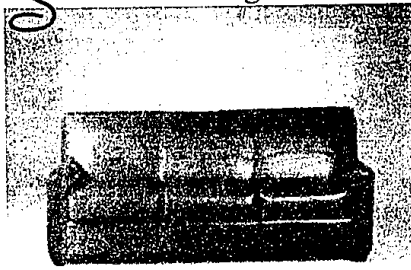
He recommends using a satin finish, which is between flat and semi-gloss, in bedrooms. Semi-gloss is good for bathrooms, he added.

And if you're painting over a dark color use a primer first. For textured walls use a thick napped paint roller and for smooth walls use a short nap roller.

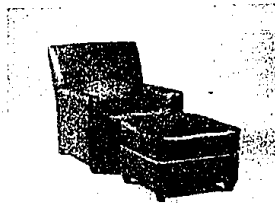
He stressed the importance of washing the wall and freeing the surface from dirt and oils - even if they're not visible.

"Take your time, do it right and you want to use the best product that you can," Sterling said. "A good quality product is going to be more forgiving in showing brush strokes and it will last longer."

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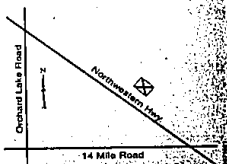


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