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Two home decorating trends have been gaining ground lately.

One is the use of area rugs and other floor coverings instead of wall-to-wall carpet.

The other is a growing preference for natural materials or affordable synthetics that look like the real thing.

The origin of what decorators call "the natural look" doesn't need to be traced, because it's one of those classic decorating styles that's always present to some degree. It's just that, in the cyclical world of interior decorating, the natural look is sometimes in

the ascendant—as it is now—while at other times other styles are on the upswing.

Wall-to-wall carpet used to be a luxury item before man-made fibers and high-speed tufting machines brought down the price so many homeowners could afford carpet.

Gradually, the novelty of owning wall-to-wall carpeting wore off. More and more people are looking at it as only one of several flooring options.

In many cases broadloom is being replaced by area rugs over natural-look resilient floors, or just resilient



Preferred over wall-to-wall carpet for this upscale family room is an area rug over a vinyl brick floor. The denim fabric on sofa and chairs is good looking and long wearing.



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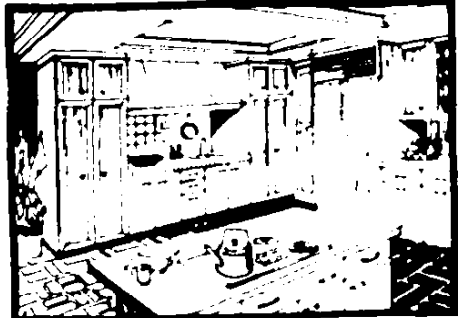
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