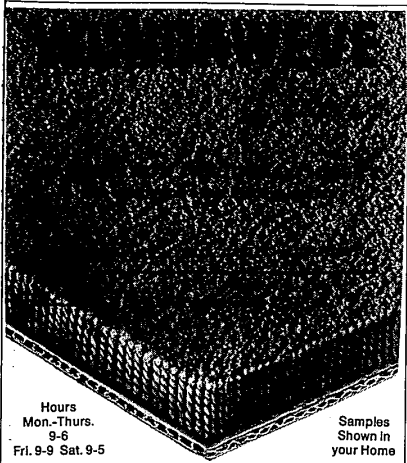




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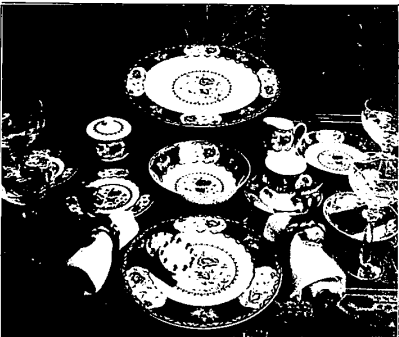
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Shades pull away from old traditions

By LAURETTA REGAN

Shades have always been used to assure privacy and to keep out bright light. Now they are considered prime decorative window treatment.

Well-known interior designer Emily Malino uses shades often in designing rooms. Recently, in planning the interior of a town house, she used shades in the living room as a form of art.

The room is elegantly austere, an architectural approach to built-in furniture, spot-lighting, white walls and chrome multi-purpose table.

The room-darkening shades were painted in an abstract design in soft neutrals highlighted with a slim line of bright blue. The painting technique is easy to duplicate, even for an amateur artist. The shades are laid flat—a Ping-Pong table or even the floor will do—and the areas to be done are marked out with masking tape. When the paint is dry, the tape is removed and all the edges are perfectly straight.

Attractive blue Plexiglass shade pulls were custom cut out to fur-

ther set off this up and down art form.

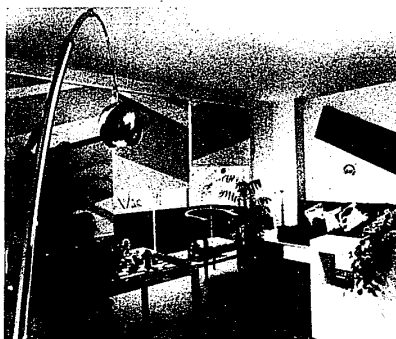
In another instance, Mrs. Malino created a feeling of space for a small bedroom area using a do-it-yourself "blind" treatment. It began with all-white as the decor, which always lends a feeling of spaciousness, and is often considered the height of extravagance. In this small bedroom, white created a crisply stated elegance that is thoroughly practical as well.

The focal point is a luxurious-looking four-poster bed made from a simple plywood box and stock four by four posts.

It is set in front of a window covered with vertical blinds from floor to ceiling.

This gives a wall effect to the window. The vinyl-coated, shade cloth vertical blinds that dramatize the windows were another handyman's trick installed in a new, do-it-yourself manner that cuts cost appreciably.

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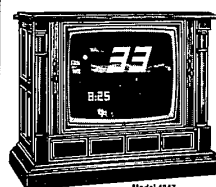
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