

Dressing Your HOME



Linen: old fiber with a new twist

Belgian linens have always been admired for their distinctive appearance and long lasting qualities. Today, with the design trend towards naturals and textured designs and good value, Belgian linens are new again. They add a really smart fashion look in a studied casual way.

Depending on the design, weight, and method of weaving, Belgian linen is adaptable for drapery and upholstery. sheer woven casement, wallcoverings, blinds and shades, table linens, art needlework, picture mats and much more.

Belgian linen drapery and upholstery fabrics are usually exclusive designs, either custom or stock items. Because of their versatility they are appropriate for traditional and contemporary decorating schemes. The cost is comparable to other forms of quality wallcoverings.

Coordinated wallcoverings are also available in natural linens, striped, twills, and printed linens.

So that they can be applied directly to the walls, they are paperbacked, acrylic backed and cellular foam backed. Widths vary depending on the backing.

Linens can also be applied directly to the walls by the staple method either with or without a lining. This increases the acoustical and insulation properties of the area covered and allows redecoration of imperfect walls with minimal effort and expense.

With this particular method of installation fabric can be removed to be cleaned or to be used somewhere else. All fabrics can be successfully treated with stain repellent fabric finishes.

Rich textures and the handcrafted look of Belgian linen enhance furnishings in both home or office. It drapes with fresh, crisp fullness. It's easy-care because of its low static dust attraction and all in all it really fulfills today's natural look.

Question: We recently moved into an apartment which I like very much but the bathroom is a problem. It's all white—white tile floor three quarters the way up the wall, a white tile floor with a few permanent stains and white fixtures. It's just plain impossible dull. What can I do to give it life without a major overhaul?

Answer: Select a bright patterned wallpaper. Paper the walls above the tile and the ceiling. If you use an adhesive backed paper and depending on the type of pattern, you could let the paper splash down over the tile.

Carpet the floor in the dominant color of the paper. Shower and window curtains can be of a matching coordinated fabric, or the color of the carpet. Add towels and bath accessories in the secondary color of the paper. You'll have a bath no longer dull.

Secretaries auction mistakes

An auction of "Santa's mistakes" will highlight a dinner meeting of the South Oakland chapter of the National Secretaries Association, scheduled Tuesday, Jan. 18, in the Mon-Jin-Lau, 1515 E. Maple, Troy.

The event will begin with a social hour at 5:30 p.m. and a Cantonese buffet will be served an hour later. Dinner is \$7.50 and reservations should be made with Mrs. Bea McDowell, 585-2472.

Joan Keays, who will serve as auctioneer, said members were being urged to bring in Christmas gifts for which they have no use so that they can be purchased by others to whom they would have more value.

Storytellers will meet

The next meeting of the Detroit Story League will be held in the home of Holly Radcliffe, 36864 Blanchard Blvd., Farmington, Saturday Jan. 15, beginning with lunch at noon.

Theme for the month is "Song of Friendship," and visitors are welcome. Persons wishing an invitation are invited to call Mrs. Radcliffe, at 474-7738.

The group works to keep the art of storytelling alive, with periodic workshops for its members who answer requests to tell stories throughout the metropolitan area.

A recent report, stemming from the league's national convention in 1976 revealed that 68 per cent of the school children in the state of Virginia had no background of storytelling from books; it all came from television.

"I've wondered what the national percentage would be for children these days," said Ruth Kroepel, president of the Detroit league. "So it is important for us to do this work and keep letting others know we exist."

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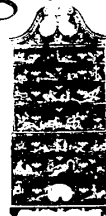
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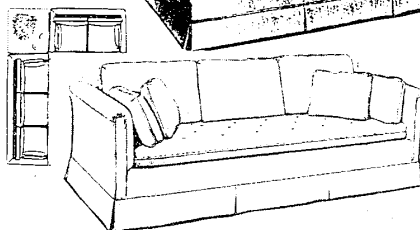
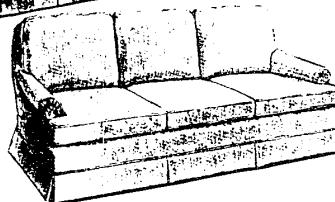
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