



The soft window treatment sets the stage for the dominant role played by the stained glass work with its brilliant primary colors. Using chairs rather than a sofa builds a lot of flexibility into the room arrangement.

## Clean, crisp . . . and romantic

A simple-looking condo interior turned out to be one of the most difficult, said interior designer, Lillian Solomon of *Design by Design*. Her friend and client, Roz Segal, was specific: she wanted a cheerful, glamorous background and she liked the primary colors. In fact, she told Solomon to use lots of red. The focal point of her new condo was to be a stained-glass panel, a present made by her nephew, Neil Segal.

But, Solomon, never one to acquiesce totally, especially when she knows she's right, decided to use white in abundance with red, green and yellow as accents.

Certainly, the stained-glass work would have a place of honor, but it would be more outstanding framed by an essentially white environment.

The walls and carpeting are white. Solomon chose individual, matching, armless chairs with a sculptural profile for the living room and had them upholstered in white canvas. They can easily be arranged into a modular look. The off-white, goat-skin coffee table is from Italy.

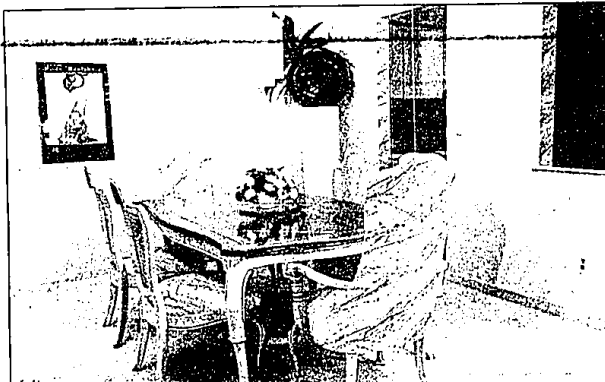
Solomon prevailed in the discussion as to whether the dining room set from the former residence, which they both liked, should be refinished in white or pale butterscup. It's the latter with the chairs reupholstered in a fabric that Segal couldn't resist — a sailcloth with a paint-splash design in primary colors that exactly matches the colors in the stained-glass art work in the living room. A matching wall covering is used in the kitchen.

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Solomon said, "We sort of spotted red throughout the house . . . we kept everything basically white to support the red."

She said that from the beginning she was after a clean, crisp look using the primary colors as accents. One of the hardest decisions was what kind of window treatment in the living room would best complement the stained-glass art. Solomon wisely decided the softness of a balloon drape would be most pleasing.

As it turns out, these do more than frame the stained-glass art, they add a romantic touch to the crisp contemporary look which makes the whole atmosphere seem warm and gracious.



Splashes of primary colors against an essentially white background give the dining room and kitchen a light, fresh look.

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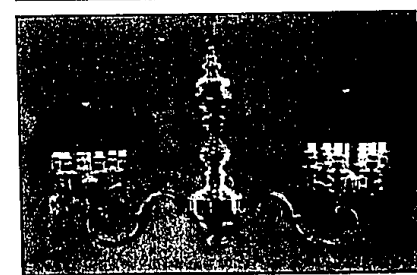
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