

brights winning



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Sally Morse shows a floral pattern that uses dark grays to shadow the print so it stands out.

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CMG calls colors predicted to be popular "forecast colors." Those now coming into favor are "ascending colors."

Current forecast colors include Calypso, Papaya, Sunshine Yellow, Spring Burst Green, Purple Reign, Ninja Gray, Vintage Red, Moroccan Blue, and Cameo Coral.

Yellow, which has not been "in" in a long time, Morse said now will be available in more and more shades, including lemon ice, a form of neutral.

Gray has overtaken beige as the number one neutral, she added.

Ascending colors include La Belle Rouge, Knock Out Red, Amethyst, Du Berry (a raspberry sherbet shade), Wedge Winkle (a mixture of wedge-wood and periwinkle blues) and Regatta Blue.

Morse compared the popularity of colors with a boy ascending a hill pulling a sled. They take a long time to reach the peak, and a short time to descend.

She predicts that mauve, a color currently "at the top," will be the first to go downhill.

NEW FABRIC trends include "shadows," or colors such as black or

gray used as a background to set off brighter colors, such as pink flowers in a floral pattern.

Shadowed fabrics are best used with a neutral carpet so "the eye is drawn upwards to what you are trying to show."

Mixing colors and prints, another current fashionable look, is best if one introduces a color at least three times, to prevent it from becoming an "accident" instead of an accent, she said. And, one should decide which print or color will be the "star" and which the "supporting cast."

Stripes could successfully be mixed with prints if the materials were used, for example, in a two-thirds to one-third ratio to prevent materials from competing with each other.

Morse was recently featured in Woman's Day, Drapery and Window Coverings, and the Wallpaper and Floor Covering Weekly. In addition to being a consultant for Decorating Den, she is a consultant to the Kirsch Co., of Sturgis, Mich. She was a featured speaker at the 1985 World of Window Coverings-West show in Anaheim, Calif.

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