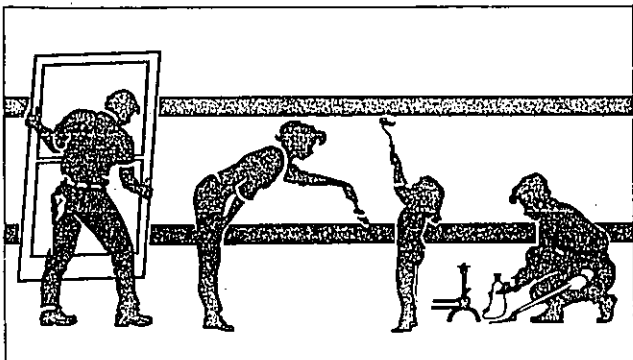


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## 'Traditional look' wallpaper popular

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when a room is devoid of architectural interest. Felber suggests borders along ceiling lines and around windows, doorways and niches.

- Use vertical stripes to create optical illusions of higher ceilings. However, avoid stripes on sloping walls or those that are broken up into a lot of different planes. Otherwise you'll get a choppy look.

- When shopping for children's room, don't limit your selections to whimsical patterns designed specifically for kids. Geometrics, stripes and florals are more likely to "grow" with the child.

- Visually expand a small or dark room by choosing a wallcovering with enough solid color and open space to give a light, airy feeling.

- Choose a subtle pattern or texture for rooms that have a lot going on already.

- Keep nearby rooms in mind when choosing a wallcover. Carry a pattern, perhaps in a different scale, or color through.

Newest looks? "Classic traditional design is currently experiencing a renewed interest among consumers," says Margaret Guss, product manager for Sanitas Wallcoverings.

IF THERE'S ANY trend — the selection in this field is infinite — it's toward big, romantic florals and away from tiny prints.

Nearly every paper has a border and coordinating paper to accent and create interest, but many designers are preferring to keep walls simpler, without all the mixing and matching.

Perhaps walls are simple to make way for all the fluff and ruffle that's currently happening on the windows.

Tassels and fringes, festoon valances and balloon shades, long swishes of muslin strung around wooden poles to liven up the blinds — windows are dressier than ever.

In a recent issue of Metropolitan Home, two separate interiors showed plain white fabric folded over a pole then tied with rough twine. Very unique, very bohemian, yet somehow a classic look.

Even where miniblinds are in use, windows are being dressed and framed

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in elaborate valances and layered draperies.

INDUSTRY NEWS includes horizontal fabric blind (by Hunter Douglas) that lets in light and costs around \$350 a window, and a new custom horizontal blind with a 1/4 inch slot (by the makers of Ball Blinds). This one lets in less light than standard blinds.

Vertical blinds are easy and practical. However, they're at the bottom of the list for hot looks for fall.

Shutters are back and manufacturers can now custom-size them to work on virtually any size or shape window — even half-rounds. Use them alone, in a contemporary setting or with drapes and valance for a dressier approach.

Think tradition, think romance, think good material — these are the current interior designs watchwords.

### HOMEFACTS

■ Traditional still the most popular interior design style.

Favorite decorating styles	
■ Traditional	32%
■ Contemporary	23%
■ Rustic/country	21%
■ Colonial	9%
■ Eclectic	5%
■ Oriental	2%
■ Victorian	1.5%
■ High-tech	1.5%
■ Mediterranean	1.4%
■ Art deco	0.4%
■ Other	3.2%



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