

The newest design influences come from around the world

It's not that Southwestern style is dead exactly, a great number of us have invested thousands in the look. It's just that you know it has reached saturation point when you can purchase turquoise copies at the department store. It just isn't fresh anymore.

Neither is stenciling. Or black-and-white-and-gray contemporary. American country? Just don't overdo the "folk art," the hole-painted stuff.

So what is new? What looks great this year?

FOLLOW YOUR HEART

Straight to Grandma's. Good antiques, not the distressed-looking fakes, are the backbone of much of the hippest design happening today. Hire a designer and she'll seek out your good old items first, then build around them, creating a mixture of old and new.

Definitely forget matched suites of furniture; the point of this style is to create a harmonious hodgepodge, with color and pattern tying it all together.

By far the strongest design "trend" of all, the publications tout it as Individual Style: creating a look that's about what you love and maybe breaking a few rules along the way.

We wouldn't go so far as to put a white Formica Parsons table at one end of the sofa and a mahogany Pembroke at the other, such contrast creates tension and chaos. It makes the room uncomfortable.

How do you get the look? Imagine your house burned to the ground and you had to start from zero. Your mother would have gone to the furniture store and purchased everything together, all of a single style.

Today, you would come up with a color theme, then shop the an-

tiques dealers, the trade show-rooms (if working with a designer), the furniture retailers, large and small, even the estate sales.

You'd find a trusy upholsterer who'd transform finds into pieces that connect with one another. You'd ask your mother for her pine chest and put a glass cover over it and call it a cocktail table.

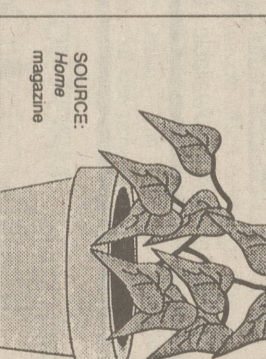
You see? It's about loving each individual piece, making everything look handpicked. It's not being afraid to mix periods. And it may be about knowing when to call in a professional designer who might only rearrange things, suggest a rug or a slipcover, and reroute the lighting. Sometimes it takes an outsider to pull this disparate a bunch of items together.

HOME FACTS

Houseplant diagnosis and repair tips

Loose leaves; stems are soft and dark. Plant is overwatered. Check drainage to make sure all is clear.

Wilted, with brown leaf tips. Leaves falling from plant. Plant is underwatered. Water plant until water runs out of pot.



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PACIFIC RIM

The influence of America's rising Asian population is making its mark in design today. The best of the looks is Japanese, pure and spare.

In crowded Japan, the longing for serenity and peace has produced a design style free of clutter. There is an emphasis on

fine craftsmanship, such as plain but meticulously constructed shoji screens or bamboo fences.

You see light woods with a glossy lacquer or matte finish in furniture as well as interior elements, such as spare molding around doors. Natural material are important, such as wood flooring.

The outdoors become an element indoors, too. Each window is a frame, the view beyond a picture. Plants, stones and statuary are carefully placed.

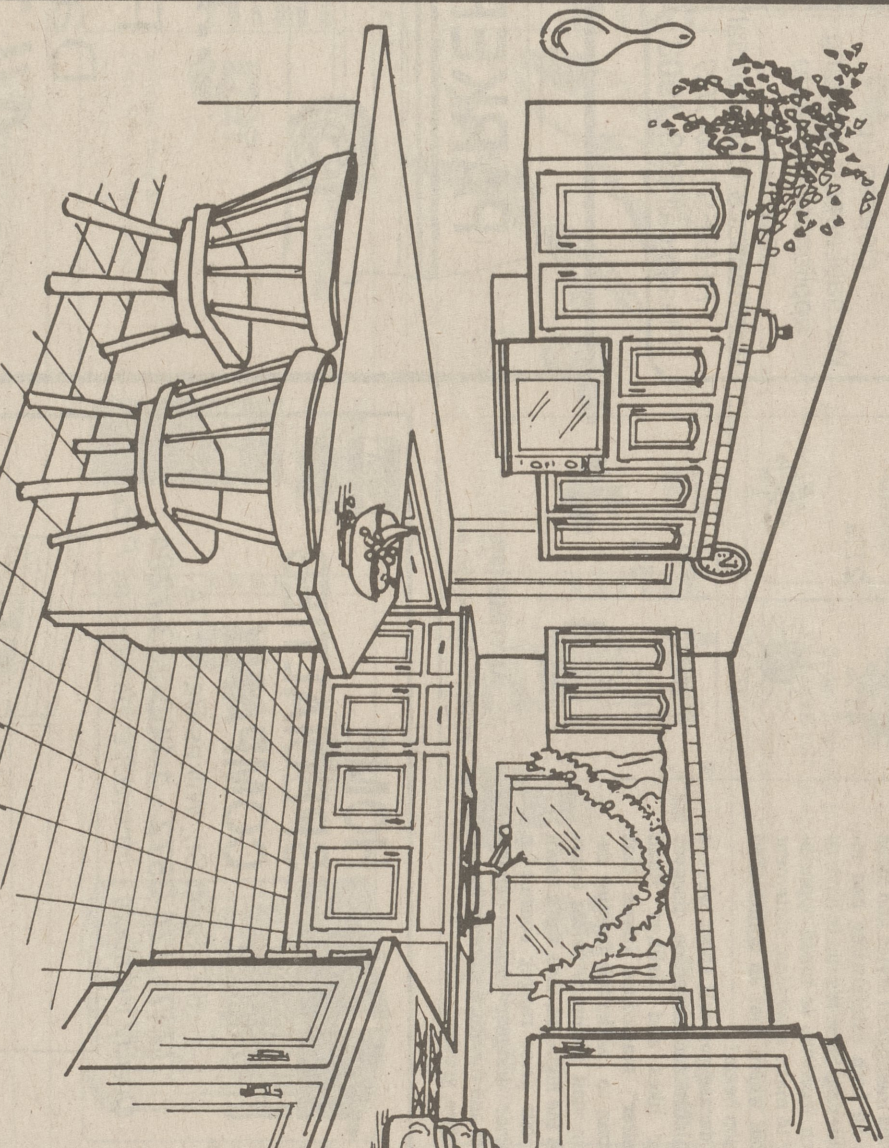
This is not design using red brocade or velvet; no huge brass accessories or tasseled lamps. It is a light-filled, uncluttered look, rich

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sunning and relaxing. The addition of blooming and evergreen plants furthers the feeling of sweet solitude.

Patios, meanwhile, that are located directly off living areas, such as a bedroom or dining room, French doors actually can increase a home's entertainment and aesthetic value by sharing furnishings and color schemes with the adjacent indoor areas.

Furniture manufacturers now offer all-weather lines of aluminum, wrought iron, wood, rattan and wicker that can be moved in or out as the homeowner dictates. So out goes the dining table and chairs if there's to be supper under the stars, and ditto for the chaise longue and love seat if drinks and conversation are to follow.

DECKS

Whether they're made of cedar, redwood or pressure-treated wood, decks offer an immediate return in increased home living space and enjoyment. They're outdoor rooms for relaxation and entertainment — places to get away from it all without going too far.

A deck addition also is a good investment. A 1989 cost vs. value survey by *Qualified Remodeler* magazine estimated an average recovery in U.S. home resale of 40 percent to 50 percent of the cost of a deck addition. The figures were even higher for warm-weather areas.

Many homeowners have discovered they can save money and gain skills by designing and building their own decks. If you decide to do it yourself, there are a variety of how-to and idea-inspiring books, brochures and videos available to help you.

Contractors, however, might be the best to tackle the job when the deck is more than just a square or rectangle constructed on flat ground. The trend toward multi-tiered deck "systems" for instance, with stairs leading from one area to the next, or those constructed on hillsides can be true architectural challenges.

When planning your deck, professionals say you should survey

your site and decide what problems your deck should solve. Decks can be built over steeply sloping ground, around existing trees, along a side yard or even in front of a house as an entry.

As for purpose, decide if you need an outdoor dining area, a play area for the children or a place to sink the hot tub — then furnish accordingly.

Built-in or freestanding benches, fireplaces, planters, furniture or even a bubbling spa can turn a deck into a custom-designed living space. If you're an aspiring chef, you might consider creating an outdoor kitchen complete with generous working surfaces, storage space and barbecue.

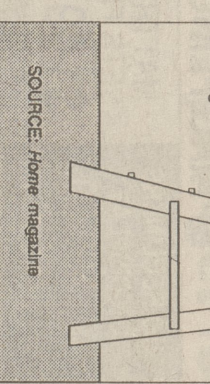
Atmosphere comes through outdoor lighting and soft music piped in via weather-resistant outdoor speakers. For extra privacy, you might want to add a screen or overhead shade trellis.

HOME FACTS

How to find the length ladder that you'll need for the job.

Determine the true working height of a stepladder by subtracting 1 foot from its height.

An extension ladder's height is about 3 feet less than its length.



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availability of water and electrical outlets, the location of underground utility lines and other fixed conditions also should be considered.

Generally, the southwest and southeast corners of a house offer the best combination of sun and shade. Be sure to find out what the building permit guidelines and restrictions are in your area.

POOLS, SPAS AND HOT TUBS

Soaking up to your neck in 100-degree water in a spa or hot tub can do good things for your physical and mental well-being. So can splashing in the icy waters of a crystal-clear pool after a sticky day in the sun.

Such are the reasons that thousands of homeowners are incorporating one or more of these little living spaces. After all, who can think of a happier marriage than one between a deck and hot tub, or a pool and patio?

Surround such small pools and tubs with either a deck sunken or raised according to the location of the tub, or a patio creatively con-

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