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**AN ELEGANT
MODERN FAMILY
HOME THAT
IS AT ONCE
RESTFUL
AND SPACIOUS**

LUXURY HOME
WITH ITS OWN
DEFINITIVE STYLE





Fashionable Fabrics



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As in fashion, trends in colours and textures change from season to season, even when it comes to soft furnishings for the home. Upon looking back at client orders that have been placed through the fabric outlets, one can clearly identify patterns and shifts in trends. Having just returned from a huge international fabric fair, I have noticed lots of common trends for this summer season.

Textured plain fabrics with a shimmery finish are definitely at the top of the rank. Infinite options of colourways have become available on the market, with co-ordinates that have a slight pattern repeat to be able to play the game of colour versus texture within the same room. The idea of being very minimal has shifted into a more decorative direction with a noticeably more classical feel, albeit using more modern fabrics and sewing treatments. By no means am I not hinting at any wags and tails!

The concept is to pick a slightly shimmery fabric with a light damask pattern on it, for example. This instantly gives that regal effect to the curtain drupe.

Then as a twist, sew them with a modern heading of polished chrome eyelets and hang them on a modern curtain pole with grand finials. Leaving them to puddle onto the ground is still suggested, giving you a modern type curtain, done with a classic twist that will complement virtually any type of interior space. Depending on your taste, style and preference you can personalize your soft furnishings, increasing the classical influence by then adding tassels or adding lining or interlining even, to give them a more substantial effect.

As with almost every other product being manufactured on earth at the moment, fabric are being produced in such

BEHIND THE SCENES



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With *Design & Decor* magazine taking a bold new design direction, editor Eve Amant Depasquale was eager to create a new vision for the front cover and break away from the traditional Room photography previously used.

We met with Eve at Fabulous Home, Miami and worked on her vision together of shooting a dining table set up on a deserted beach. With just a week to prepare before the photo shoot we started planning ideas and working on different concepts.

A definite direction was decided for bright summer tones with vibrant magenta and various tones of green used throughout floral arrangements and with fruits without having the table set traditionally for dining but rather something fun and filled with decorative objects.

The table setting for the shoot is made using recycled elm wood and gives a modern impression with minimalist metal polished legs in a cross over design.

Various glass pieces were selected from Fabulous to shine and reflect the gorgeous sunlight and accessorized with cushions, candles and crystal pieces.

It is always a pleasure when having the opportunity to be creative and do something a little bit different and we thank Eve for this opportunity. ➔



ADDING IS KNOWING

The Schweppes Classic Tonic of Inland Tonic Water, Ginger Ale, Original Soda Water and Elder Lemon, can be enjoyed on their own or combined with alcohol or fruit juice.



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