



Geometry lesson

High contrast creates high drama. We found the combination of floral and linear elements in opposing neutrals in the tea set, *below*, and applied the design to our room. The result is a striking counterpoint to the lush landscaping that surrounds the space.

The greenery comes into the room with spiky fern fronds next to the sofa that are as boldly graphic as the fabrics themselves. Geometric patterns in black and white are accented with punches of deep red, creating contemporary style with a classic color scheme. A faux kilim rug underfoot injects a note of traditional comfort, while its geometric pattern adds to the play of lines in the space.

The plain structures of the vase, candleholders, tray, and zinc planter balance the sense of movement in the black-and-white fabrics. Quilting and embroidery on the pillows and the knitted throw provide texture and a suggestion of informality to this sophisticated look.





THE FABRICS

Below, left to right: Chella, Polynesian Baroque in Kiwi; Robert Allen, Megastar in Splash; Kravet Soleil, Flower Power in Palm; Duralee, #14272 in Natural/Blue (#50); Kravet Soleil, Charade in Palm.



Easy living

The delicate quality of light through colored glass, *below*, provided the inspiration for our calm oasis of aqua and green. The colors enhance the surrounding flowers and foliage and evoke the scents of newly mowed grass and aromatic herbs and the sound of splashing water.

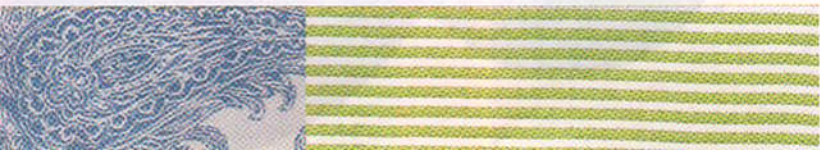
Green draperies work with the matchstick blinds, arbor, and overhanging vines to create a lush canopy of dappled light. Organic motifs decorating the fabrics tie in beautifully with the environment.

Arranged for conversation and furnished for comfort, the relaxing space sets the stage for easy outdoor entertaining. Or, if solitude is your goal, a sturdy yet stylish outdoor floor lamp makes this a delightful spot to curl up with a good book on a warm summer evening.

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product trends

Update your patio or deck with surprisingly sophisticated
outdoor furniture



1. DINE IN STYLE at the all-weather wicker oval Tikar dining table (\$1,402 for table and six chairs). ARA Garden; 818/885-8981; www.aragarden.com

2. SOLUTION-DYED acrylic fabrics feel soft and luxurious—and resist stains. Patterns shown are Polynesian Baroque in Desert Sage, left (\$170 per yard), and Aretha in Lichen/Mulberry, right (\$300 per yard). Chella Textiles; 805/560-8400; www.chellatextiles.com

3. CORAL STRIPES and a handcrafted chestnut shaft highlight the Aristocrat umbrella (\$1,485). Janus et Cie; 800/245-2687; www.janusetcie.com

4. A WICKER FRAME and fun fabric on the Spinnaker Lounge chair (\$1,265) offer a fresh, modern look. Laneventure; www.laneventure.com

5. PLAYFUL ACCENTS, such as the Urbane Garden oval ottoman (\$325) and round pillow (\$84), and the Rio square pillow (\$142), bring indoor style outdoors. Laurie Bell; 336/370-9503; www.lauriebell.com

6. ADD COMFORT to seating areas with the all-weather Zelda love seat (\$1,790). Maine Cottage; 888/859-5522; www.maineecottage.com





LIGHTING sets the mood of a room.

In an hour:

Make a list of areas where you could use more light, such as kitchen work surfaces and desk areas, and where dimmer switches might enhance the mood, such as the dining room or master suite.

In an afternoon:

Stroll through each of the areas you identified and look for simple solutions. Compact fluorescent fixtures that attach to the bottom of a wall cabinet are easy to install and instantly brighten work surfaces. A combination of floor lamps, table lamps, and wall sconces makes a room appear warm and inviting. Dimmer switches on overhead lights can make dining and bathing more romantic.

Over the weekend:

Shop for fixtures and dimmer switches and then arrange and/or install them in the room.

Most dimmer switches install with just a screwdriver. As the day fades into evening, switch on your fixtures and take advantage of the new light.



WINDOW TREATMENTS frame your views and serve as focal points.

In an hour:

Assess your window treatments. Are they providing the privacy you need, regulating the sunlight, and keeping you cozy? Do they complement the architectural style of your home? If not, choose another style.

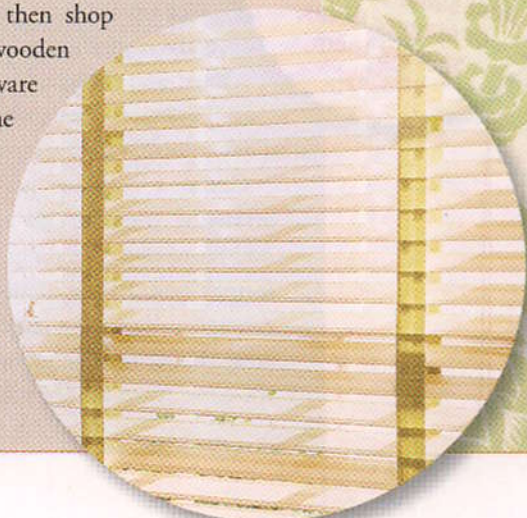
In an afternoon:

Today's window dressing mantra is "less is more."

Measure your window frames and then shop for simple, timeless treatments such as wooden blinds or simple panels. Choose hardware the way you would choose jewelry—the finish and color should complement the overall treatment.

Over the weekend:

Install your new treatments and then add a little extra pizzazz with a decorative top treatment such as a valance made from a table runner or tiebacks made from a toss-pillow fabric.



resources

For more information about the stories in this issue, contact the professionals and sources listed here.

Addresses and phone numbers have been verified, but we cannot guarantee the availability of items or services.

Furniture Revival

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Project designer: Cathy Kramer, Cathy Kramer Designs, Des Moines; 515/274-0745.

Floral pillow sham and comforter Wood Rose Percale, **solid pillow sham and quilt** Puckered Silk—Garnet Hill; 800/622-6216; www.garnethill.com (product line varies).

Area rug from the Capel Braids American Originals collection—Capel, Inc.; 800/334-3711; www.capelrugs.com.

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Nightstands purchased unfinished—Woodcraft Industries, Inc.; www.woodcraftindustries.com. **Shelves—**Exposures Catalog; 800/222-4947; www.exposuresonline.com.

Decked Out

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THROUGHOUT

Sofa, chairs, and coffee table from the Teak Deep Seating collection—Home Depot USA, Inc.; www.homedepot.com (product line varies).

SOURCES FOR FABRICS

Chella All-Environment Textiles 805/560-8400; www.chellatextiles.com.

Duralee 800/275-3872; www.duralee.com [T].

Kravit 800/645-9068; www.kravit.com.

Pindler & Pindler, Inc. Moorpark, California; 805/531-9090; www.pindler.com [T].

Robert Allen 800/333-3777; www.robertallendesign.com [T].

Waverly 800/423-5881; www.waverly.com (product line varies).

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Fire pit—Restoration Hardware; 888/243-9720; www.restorationhardware.com. **Rug—**Home Decorators Collection; 877/537-8539; www.homedecorators.com. **Bamboo blinds—**Lowe's Home Improvement Stores; 800/445-6937; www.lowes.com. **Teak serving cart—**Home Depot USA, Inc.; www.homedepot.com (product line varies).

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Rug—Ballard Designs; 800/367-2775; www.ballarddesigns.com (product line varies). **Ceramic tray—**Intrada; www.intrada.com. **Chandelier—**Smith & Hawken; 800/981-9888; www.smithandhawken.com. **Matchstick blinds—**Plow & Hearth; 800/627-1712; www.plowhearth.com. **Fluted metal urns flanking sofa—**Little Red's Antiques, Forney, Texas; 972/564-2200. **Wine glasses—**Mikasa and Co.; www.mikasaandcompany.com.

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Black-and-white tea set—Pier 1 Imports; 800/245-4595; www.pier1.com. **Rug—**Grandin Road; www.grandinroad.com. **Sofa bolster—**Target Stores; 800/800-8800; www.target.com (product line varies).

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Glass vases—A Touch of Italy, West Des Moines, Iowa; 515/279-9590. **Martini glasses #981587—**Burton + Burton; www.burtonandburton.com. **Rug—**Crate & Barrel; 800/967-6696; www.crateandbarrel.com (product line varies).

Beach, Baby!

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Interior Designer: Denise Kuss, D.E.K. Interiors, Hilton Head Island, South Carolina; 843/686-4353; e-mail: dek@hargray.com.

Residential Designer: Anjum Razvi, Associate Member AIA, ASID, Razvi Design Studio, Inc., San Diego; 858/672-8831; www.razvidesign.com.

Contractor: Lana Construction, San Diego; 858/552-1231.

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Wall paint Decorator White—Benjamin Moore; 888/236-6667; www.benjaminmoore.com [P]. **Windows—**Milgard Windows; 800/645-4273; www.milgard.com. **Doors, moldings—**Dixieline Lumber Co., San Diego; 619/224-4161; www.dixieline.com.

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Metal entry table—Newport Avenue Antique Center, San Diego; 619/222-8686.

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Mirror—Afton Grove, San Diego; 619/296-6410; www.aftongrove.com. **Bookcases—**IKEA; in the United States: 877/345-4532; in Canada: 888/932-4532; www.ikea.com.

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Daybed—Irvine Antique Market, Irvine, California; 949/786-5277. **Plaid fabric for pillows, quilt in basket—**HomeGoods; 800/614-4663; www.homegoods.com (product line varies). **Metal table—**Z Gallerie; 800/358-8288; www.zgallerie.com. **Rug—**IKEA; in the United States: 877/345-4532; in Canada: 888/932-4532; www.ikea.com. **Coffee table** C'est la Vie—through Girard Avenue Collection, La Jolla, California; 858/459-7765. **Scottie dog—**World Market; 800/267-8758; www.worldmarket.com (product line varies).

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Pine table and pine chairs C'est la Vie—through Girard Avenue Collection, La Jolla, California; 858/459-7765. **White chairs—**Ralph Lauren Home; 888/475-7674; www.rhhome.polo.com (product line varies).

Chair covers—Target Stores; 800/800-8800; www.target.com (product line varies).

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Ovens—Viking Range Corp.; 888/845-4641; www.vikingrange.com. **Sinks—**Franke Kitchen Systems; www.frankeksd.com.

Faucets—Perrin & Rowe, presented by Rohl; 800/777-9762; www.rohlhome.com.

Dishwasher—Bosch; 800/866-2022; www.boschappliances.com. **Lighting over sink—**Anthropologie; 800/309-2500; www.anthropologie.com.