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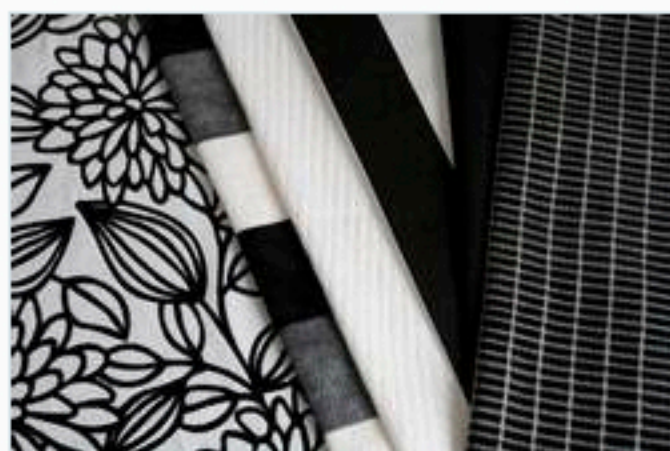
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By Deborah Donovan

It's fun trying to predict what decor trends we'll fall in love with in 2011. Money for decorating is tight for many of us, and something's really got to grab us before we'll agree to buy.

Ideas abound — from getting brave with color to repurposing family heirlooms or looking up to make your ceilings something special.

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Adventure

Young people have more information about decor today than ever before from magazines, newspapers, books, television and the Internet, said

Lindsay Bierman, editor of Southern Living. That helps make them brave. "The young homeowner is experimenting in her first house — not playing it safe," he said.

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