



What's Hot! What's Not!

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STYLIN'

All the visitors to my home love the illusion of floating stairs that I created simply by applying mirrors to the risers of my staircase. All the treads appear to be floating as the mirrors are of course, mirroring the foyer. Mirrors are great reflectors of light and space. We see them used to face furniture (chests, buffets, credenzas, cocktail tables, table bases) which make the pieces less obtrusive in small spaces. The mirrored backsplash in a small kitchen visually expands the space and again, reflects light throughout the room. One of the most beautiful applications I have seen was on the ceiling of large foyer in a very grand home. The ceiling was 9', however it appeared to be vaulted and even loftier than the 18' illusion created by the single sheet of mirrormagnificent!

JAZZED

Loving this one!! Solid yet springy cardboard chairs! No, no, not smacking of our college days milk carton end tables!! These have beautiful modern, clean lines, they have a corrugated texture yet they look and feel soft and suede-like. I'm excited about these recycled, environmentally friendly, functional pieces of art. Gives new meaning to 'think outside the (cardboard) box'!



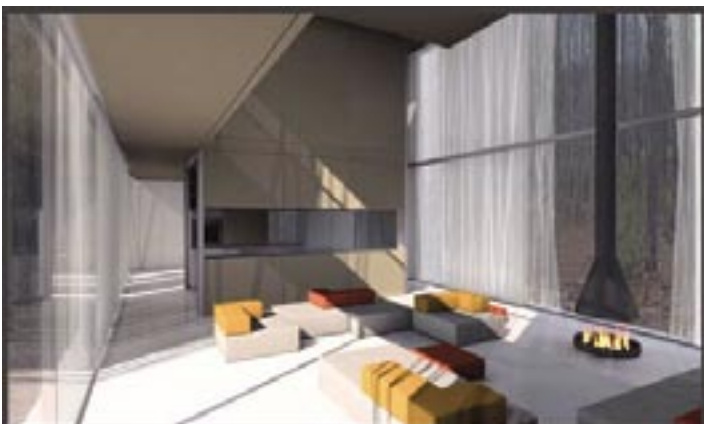
FAB FABRICS

Organic is everywhere isn't it? It's the new millennium buzzword. From food to fabric, organic is becoming increasingly important to an increasingly allergic human race! Yes. Our bodies are rebelling against 20th century abuse. Consequently? Organic bedding. The collection is made from 50% Australian Merino wool (certified 100% organic from the National Assoc. For Sustainable Agriculture in Australia) and 50% American grown organic cotton. Soft and pure. Pure and simple. For more info call Humphrey Interiors 705. 743. 3292.



WINDOWS

Heavy valances and luscious triple and a half full drapery panels, designed with yards of trims and tassels have become less appealing. Uncomplicated draperies designed without adornments but with simple lines, made with beautifully textured natural fabrics like dupioni silks, natural linens and woven cottons seem to be the new vogue. When choosing fabrics for your newly pared down custom draperies, consider the position of the window in relation to direct sunlight. Natural fabrics are very sensitive to light and require special black out linings to protect them. In the case of fine silks, this is a good thing. The density of the specialty linings give the fabric better body and weight. However, sometimes using heavier lining under a natural linen, defeats the purpose of using linen.....so airy, so 'the beach'. So consider where when you are considering what and if in doubt, call us at Humphrey Interiors.



Courtesy: www.modern-modular.com/

FORECAST

More and more candy store colours! Accessories...blown glass, ceramics, dishes, platters, tea pots, watering cans, outdoor furniture.....name it and look!!! It comes in robins egg blue, celery green, lavender, baby pink, hot pink, purple, spa green, butter yellow, salsa red!! If you don't remember Fiestaware, you know what it is. That wonderful mid-century dishware that came in....you guessed it, candy store colours. The new century remake good news is, our candy store dishes are dishwasher safe.



The modern movement is taking us into modular home design. The old fashioned word is 'pre-fab', but the notion that the new modular homes are as flimsy as the old pre-fab houses is seriously out of date. Modular homebuilding is one of the fastest growing segments of residential construction claiming a 48% production increase in the last 10 years. It purports to decrease construction costs and build time as well as to provide a stronger, more durable dwelling.

I think the home designs are sensational... a far cry from the trailer like pre-fabs of the '70's. The new modular are functional, beautiful and unique. Check out a new magazine I just found and fell in love with - "Innovative Home" for tons more information on modular.

At Humphrey Interiors we are interested in all stylings from traditional to modern. We are interested in your style, in helping you find it, in helping you create it.

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