

Putting Patterned Fabric To Work

Is there anyone who hasn't fallen in love at sometime with a particular patterned fabric? Probably not.

We've all succumbed to the magic of a screen print, a colorful floral, or a charming documentary stripe.

If you're currently enamored, you can put your love affair to good use.

A few lengths of yard goods can be inspiration...a starting point for chic home decorating. Use yard goods as your source from which to generate an entire room's color scheme.

Armstrong interior designers did...and a nostalgic kitchen photographed in full color for the current issue of "Good Ideas For Decorating" magazine emerged with dramatic results.

More than a "color" guide, the particular fabric chosen by Armstrong designer Louisa Cowan, A.S.I.D., is full of design motifs that are used for cutout appliques and borders throughout the room.

As drapery material, circular tablecloth, and architectural interest, yards of an irresistible print were cut up to create one of the most exciting showcases of coordinated home furnishings ever...one that you can actually duplicate yourself!

In the kitchen-dining area illustrated, a Designer Solarian no-wax floor ("Cherbourg" pattern) in a multitone burnt orange coloration, sets the main color mood.

Mrs. Cowan worked tile countertops and cabinets in a lighter offering of apricot. The woodwork is a nutmeg to match the wallpaper's background color.

Her use of a demiprint

WAR VICTIMS HELPED



The 1972 quake smashed the capital city of Managua, Nicaragua, when Maria was only a baby. With the help of concerned, caring people in the U.S., food, medicines, tents and reconstruction materials poured into the small Central American country. Maria and thousands like her slowly were able to live again without fear and hunger.

Today, Managua and many other cities in Nicaragua look like they have been newly destroyed by earthquakes. Caught in the midst of a bloody and brutal civil war, Maria is among an estimated 300,000 people who have become refugees, desperately in need of help.

Catholic Relief Services, one of America's most energetic relief and development agencies, is on hand today as it was in 1972 to give aid and assistance.

CRS began working in Nicaragua in 1966. The agency has provided more than \$12 million in relief and development assistance, including massive help after their 1972 earthquake. In the past nine months, CRS has sent nearly \$500,000 in cash and supplies to help the civil war victims.

Now, with the suffering caused by new hostilities, Catholic Relief Services has opened a \$1 million dollar special Nicaragua Emergency Fund. Its aim is to provide food, medicines and shelter and to help in rebuilding when the fighting is over.

The continuing, long term commitment of Catholic Relief Services in Nicaragua is one good example of the Christian, humanitarian response through which Americans respond to a world in need.

wallcovering demonstrates how three diverse patterns can be executed a smashing combination. The secret in manipulating multiple patterns is to use one medium-sized pattern (here it is in the flooring), a small all-over design (in this case, the wallpaper), and a bold print that

sparks the accent color (in the fabric).

The brilliant green in the fabric (The accent color) is repeated in chair cushions, table napkins, tablecloth center, and painted recessed cabinet doors.

Other fabric tricks you can use:

+Frame a piece of fabric stretched and stapled over a lightweight plywood frame; it makes a great wall hanging. Add a dust ruffle to a sofa or chair to give it an entirely new look.

Sew a variety of pillow shapes and sizes...edge or gusset in a border print, or

applique on a solid background. Make window shades by laminating fabric to old sheeting as backing with Jiffy-fuze, then staple to wooden roller shade rods.

+Cover shelving with stapled-on fabric. Use yard goods to recover an old lamp shade to freshen up a

room. Cover old picture or mirror frames with mitered strips of fabric. Line an old trunk and keep open as magazine or yarn storage.

Many leading pattern companies have recently introduced the concept of sewing home furnishings and offer patterns for

interesting projects. Check them out at your nearest sewing-notions counter.

Better still—the current issue of "Good Ideas For Decorating" magazine illustrates in diagrams and directions many of these unusual applications of fabrics to interior decorating.

Fabric is such an integral part of our daily lives—we wear it and can use it in our home in a multitude of ways.

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