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When planning a color scheme, whether for a room or an entire house, there has to be a starting place. Pinpointing this beginning, and then proceeding to combine colors harmoniously, can make the difference between a beautiful, distinctive color scheme and one that leaves much to be desired.

"There are six possible sources for color schemes ..."

Six possible sources or starting points for color schemes are: a work of art, fabric, wallpaper, a view,

Color Schemes

your favorite color, or whatyou already have. In many cases, two or more of these sources may be used together to create a color harmony.

Where is color used? Areas of color that must be planned for, fall into three groups: Backgrounds, furniture, and accessories. Background areas include floor, walls, and windows, and ceiling. These colors are usually selected first. The next largest color areas are furniture -- sofa, chairs, bedspread, and wood. Don't ignore the color of wood in floors and furniture in making up your color scheme. The last group of color areas are sometimes called accents. They include lamps, pictures, ashtrays, vases, throw pillows, etc.

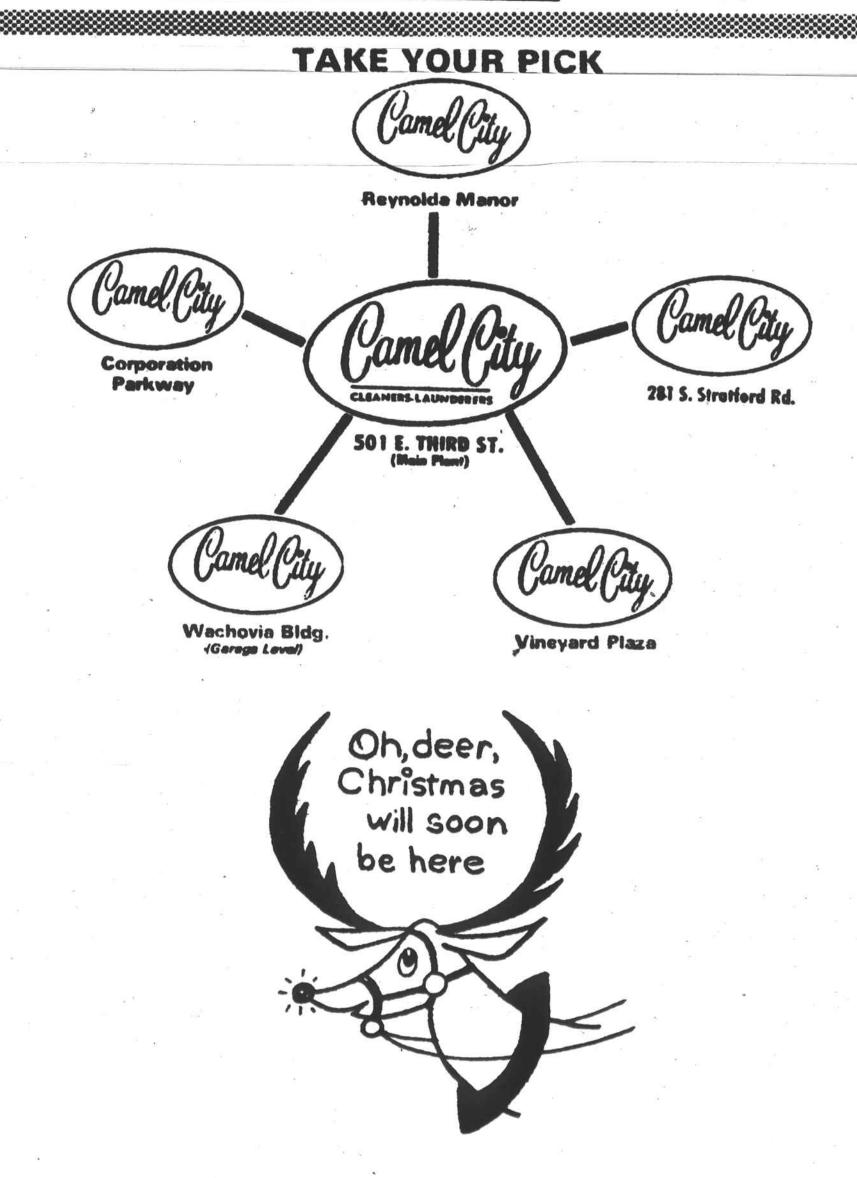
How are colors combined? It is usually best to keep the color of backgrounds and large pieces of furniture soft. Brilliant (bright) colors are hard to live with when used in large amounts. Bright splashes of color can be used in the

small areas, such as accessories. The larger the area of color, the duller it should be; the smaller the area of color the brighter it can be.

In every color schemes one color should be dominant. This color should be used in greater proportion than any other color in the plan. Your choice of a dominant color in a particular room will be affected by these factors: size of room, warm colors make a room look smaller (red, orange, yellow) and more intimate; cool colors make a room seem larger (blue, green) daylight exposure, use cool colors for southern exposure. Other factors are: use of room, adjoining rooms, age group of the people who will use the room.

Beware of copying a color scheme you see in a magazine or someone else's house. Use your own ideas that will adapt to your situation, not copied.

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