

# Modern Restraint Brings Fresh Life To Increasingly Popular Victorian Decor

For a formal drawing room decorated in the Hampton style, Laura Ashley has drawn from the most dramatic patterns in

her new collection called "A House in the Hamptons."

A large pattern for Ashley, "Sulgrave" has a

distinct Victorian flavor and gives dramatic impact in shades of mauve, plum, ashes of roses and gilded cage gold-on-creme. It dresses the papered walls and windows with pleats and ruffles, so typical of Victorian drawing rooms in the city or country, as here.

### Victorian Revival

Although design purists are apt to shudder at much of the over-embellished furnishings that came from the Victorian age, the style is enjoying a giant revival in a form that is charming when done with taste and restraint.

With echoes of Victorian transformed into a lavish use of American Empire, Laura Ashley decorates this lush room with crown moldings, double bordered in "Sweet William" and "Sulgrave" on the walls, the drapery and accent pillows.

She has upholstered the sofa in "Powis" negative in old mauve-creme. This

sofa is a low-crested camelback, flounced with a deep eight-inch skirt.

The two chairs covered

in "Severn" are reproduced from chairs that Mrs. Ashley bought at auction dating from the 19th century. They are tufted in the French style which the English adapted and are here in reproduced.

### Decorative Additions

An early American hooked rug creates added warmth. An interesting gate-leg hardwood coffee table is used for serving.

A wonderful accent is created with the use of an antique cranberry glass hurricane lamp from Bavaria, casting a rich, ruby-red glow throughout the room in the evening.

This drawing room epitomizes the wide range of pattern and colour in Laura Ashley's latest collection. It ranges from simply country prints to this gracious peony signature print, "Sulgrave," demonstrating the flexibility of Mrs. Ashley's design potential.

All the fabrics and wall-coverings are from the new "A House in the Hamptons" collection for Rain-free Designs.



NGSTALGIC COLOUR AND PATTERN unify this attractive room featuring Laura Ashley's new fabrics and wallcoverings. A bold Victorian-flavored floral print dresses walls, draperies and pillows, giving dramatic yet subtle warmth reminiscent of another, more tranquil, era.

## Protect And Decorate Kid's Room

If you have a little Picasso in the family who uses the walls as a canvas, or a budding chef whose countertop is the carpet, it's time to "child-proof" the room! There isn't a parent alive who doesn't know the frustration of trying to get crayon off the wall, fingerpaint from a desktop or cookies out of the rug.

Without stifling the creativity and energy of little artists, you can help protect a child's room with today's easy-care materials.

Use washable, non-toxic wall paints.

Use plastic laminate furnishings rather than natural wood.

Carpets should be stain resistant and washable. Cotton rag rugs are washable and many wool rugs can be treated with a silicone-based spray. Most new soft synthetics rugs are mildew and water resistant.

Decorate and help protect window shades, bulletin boards, room dividers, trunks, picture frames, unpainted furniture or old items from the attic with colorful Con-Tact brand coverings that wipe clean easily.

Use the scraps from self-adhesive coverings to cover chair rails, window trim, light switches and other areas frequented by little fingers to minimize cleaning chores.

A little preparation and planning with easy-to-clean materials can save time throughout the year.

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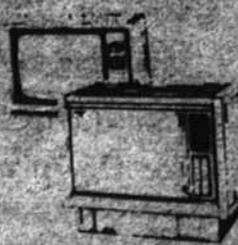
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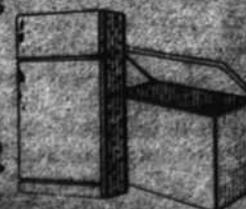
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