

# Interior Accessories



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# Accessories



- A noted designer has called accessories:
  - The small items that add utility and comfort in a room...vases, plants, throw pillows and pictures.
- Functional accessories:
  - Lamps, ashtrays, waste baskets
- Decorative accessories:
  - Pictures, sculpture, collections



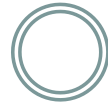
# Roles of Accessories



- Emphasize focal point
- Give the room balance
- Emphasize the foreground or background
- Orchestrate colors, patterns, textures
- Act as a personal expression



# Call attention to a fireplace...



- Hang a picture over the fireplace
- Arrange objects on the mantle
- Place interesting accessories around the fireplace
- Frame the sides with bookcases
- Place a gas log in the fireplace



# Accessories



- To call attention to a large piece of furniture?
  - Put something on it, beside it, or over it
- How do you emphasize a painting?
  - Place it where it will attract attention
  - Have direct light shine on it
- How do you emphasize a wall?
  - Paint the wall a bright color or wallpaper it
  - Arrange accessories on it



# Accessories



- To achieve balance in a room...
  - Art work can balance heavy furniture on the opposite side of the room
  - Repeat patterns or colors (in pillows, drapes, etc.) on the opposite side of the room



# Contrasts in Interior Design



- Plain surfaces...
  - ✦ Patterned accessories
- Patterned areas...
  - ✦ Plain accessories
- Shiny textures...
  - ✦ Dull textures
- Soft textures...
  - ✦ Hard textures
- A room full of straight lines...
  - ✦ Curved lines
- A calm room...
  - ✦ Bright and bold accessories
- A wild room...
  - ✦ Quiet and understated accessories



# Selecting Accessories



- How can you unify accessories?
  - Color
  - Period
  - Material
  - Formal/informal
  - Proportions





# Categories of Accessories

- Lighting
- Wall hangings
- Table Tops
- Collectibles
- Sculpture
- Flowers and plants
- Party or holiday decorations



# Examples of Wall Hangings



- Photographs
- Collages
- Posters
- Etchings, lithographs
- Maps
- Weavings
- Baskets
- Mirrors
- Fabric wall hangings



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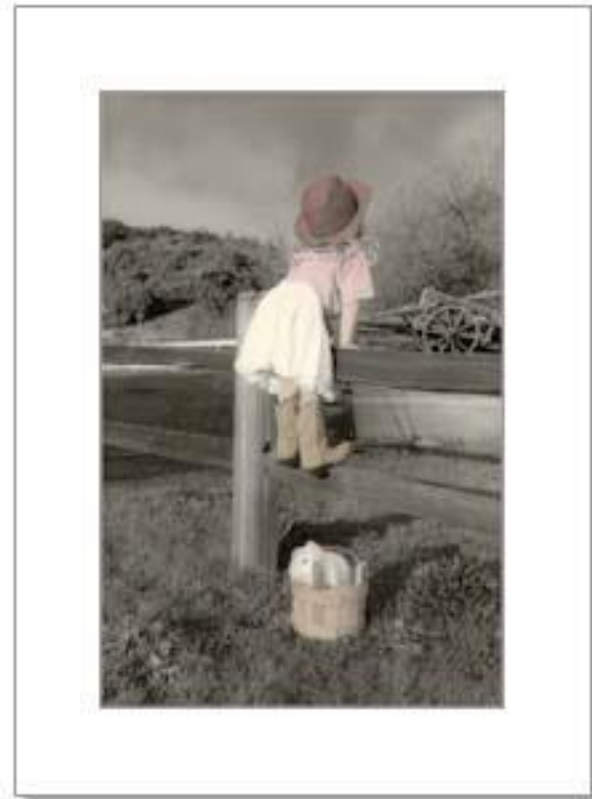
- **Types of pictures:**
  - Oil painting, water color, etchings, lithographs, photographs, needle work
- **Collector's items:**
  - Posters
- **How should you select a picture?**
  - Select one you enjoy.



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- Where should you hang photographs?
  - Intimate rooms
  - Hallways
- A bare wall is...
  - Better than a wall with the wrong scale or type of wall hanging.



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- **Tabletop accessories:**
  - Ashtrays, vases, candles, clocks, bottles, carvings
- **Where should you observe your tabletop display when arranging it?**
  - From above and all sides



# Guidelines for wall groupings...



- Consider the scale, proportion, and balance.
- The wall arrangement and the furniture beneath should seem like a unit.
- Remember the golden mean
- Hang a large picture on an important wall at eye level.
- Keep an imaginary line around the outside of a grouping of pictures, so that the arrangement will have unity.
- Usually use one more than one dominant grouping or picture in a room

# Guidelines for wall groupings...



- Hang pictures of moderate size so that the lower edges are even with the lower edge of the largest picture near them.
- If furniture is arranged for formal balance, the pictures could be hung in formal balance.
- Straight lines can be relieved by curved lines.
- Uneven numbers are more desirable than even numbers and will be less tiring.
- Avoid hanging pictures against figured wall paper unless the pictures are matted or the subject is strong enough to hold its own against the wall paper.
- Make a trial grouping of your wall arrangement on the floor.

# Accessories



- Collectibles...
  - Stamps, postcards, beer cans, Chinese porcelain
- Places for plants...
  - Hung from ceiling, placed on window sill, tables, shelves, stepladders, library steps, pedestals, glass shelves, floor

