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- Type of Room.
- Types of arrangement.
- Type of furniture: Furniture type influence the selection of furnishing material.
- Geographical location.

Lesson 14: Textile Designs for Different End Uses: Factors Affecting the Selection of [Design](#)

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Our homes reflect our personalities and lifestyles. Home furnishings speak for themselves and add a personal touch. The use of furnishings adds character and mood to a room. Home furnishings come in a variety of styles. One can select from a simple to most elegant style as budget allows. One can choose a style that suits their lifestyle and taste – traditional to minimalist, modern to ethnic, chic. Furnishings can be mixed and matched – all it needs is creativity and time. [Colour](#) schemes and house dimensions should be kept in mind before embarking on a home furnishing plan. The architectural elements of a room can be enhanced with the right selection of designs and patterns in home furnishing. Various factors influencing the selection of designs are as follows:

End use: selection of [design](#) to the larger extent depends upon the end use of the household linen. These can be categorized into furnishings and other home textiles. Furnishings include [table linen](#), [bed linen](#), curtains, draperies, floor coverings and furniture covers. Other home textiles include blankets, quilts, kitchen textiles, towels and napkins.

Size of room

- Big rooms require dark coloured furnishing items. Rich look of jacquard and tapestry makes a luxurious style.
- Small rooms require light coloured furnishing items which make the room more spacious. Large patterns can create an overpowering effect. Instead, small patterns or self-patterned fabrics are a better selection.

Type of Room

- Drawing room requires formal arrangement so elaborate woven patterns like jacquard, damask, brocade materials are best suited. Pure bright colours should be avoided.
- Living room is the liveliest area of home, bright colours, abstract, contemporary and geometrical designs are more appropriate.

- Bed room: The soft light colours are more preferable for this room. The floral prints or [dobby](#) designs, designs with flowing [line](#) and [rhythm](#) are main choice for these.
- Dinning room: Colours and patterns of nature, fruits and vegetables are more appropriate
- Children room- Gaily printed sheets with bright colours will appeal the little ones. The bright hues with geometrical and stylized designs are mainly considered. Cartoon characters are always center of attraction for children.

Types of arrangement

- Formal: Formal arrangement includes the use of subdued colours. The designs also varies according to the work place where it will be used for example, in offices and institutes, the small designs, check and stripes are considered best where as, in home (drawing room) and hotels the elaborate and intricate designs are preferred.
- [Informal](#): Casual approach requires more innovation and creativity. [Informal](#) arrangement looks good with bold all over designs in bright colours. Mirror work, sequins and [embroidery](#) can be used to add touch of glamour.

Type of furniture: Furniture type influence the selection of furnishing material.

- Heavy classic wooden furniture looks good with elaborated woven patterns and elegant designs in subdued colours.
- Contemporary type of furniture (like wrought iron, cane and glass) goes well with soft, delicate fabric in pleasant colours and designs.

Geographical location

- Warm places: For soothing out the effect of warmth, light and cool colours are preferred.
- Cool places: Use of warm or bright colours in furnishing will help to create the feeling of warmth and coziness.
- Dimension/s of the made-up: shape and size

All factors are interdependent for example the choice of colours not only depends on the size or type of room but also depends on the climatic and geographical conditions.