

INTERIORS INSPIRATION FOR 2009



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WHAT TO LOOK OUT FOR (AND SEE!)

During the month of September, the team from Architectural Spaces and See carried out their regular trip to London. They visited 100% Design Exhibition, Focus '08 at Chelsea Harbour and Decorex '08.

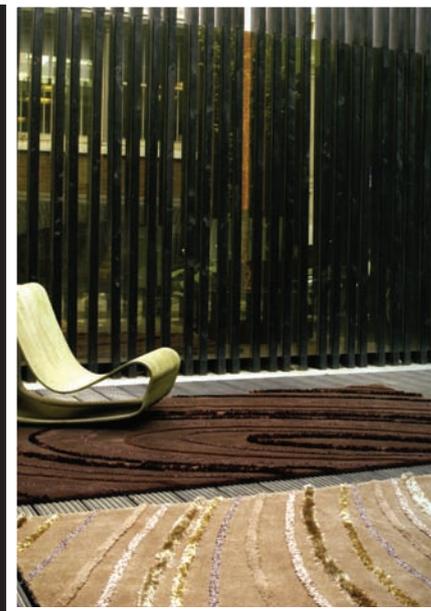
The overall feeling was that the exhibitions were very impressive this year – with a vast array of sumptuous wallpapers and exquisite fabrics. The trend for 2009 will be to combine textured wallpaper that makes a bold impact with key feature pieces of furniture. And that's just the beginning...

CREATING AN ECLECTIC LOOK

2009 will bring an eclectic look to contemporary homes, combining elements from a range of sources. A successfully put together eclectic look can convey a homeowner's personality and interests.

Compiling a collection of funky and quirky objects is the simple part, but it takes an expert designer to stop an eclectic setting descending into a mass of clutter. It takes patience, time and discipline to get it right.

Many are under the impression that an eclectic look amounts to a licence to go wild, but it takes a trained eye and a firm grasp to successfully carry out the concept. The look is about the juxtaposition of old and new, about complimentary contrast. An example would be to take a fresh contemporary fabric and sit it against a traditional console table, adding details combining jazzy fabric with a more classic lampshade style. The image above is a perfect example, with the glass of port being crucial! The secret is in choosing each and every piece with thought and care.



TEXTURE

Many people forget about texture, yet combining textures is a crucial aspect of creating a desirable interior. Whether you desire a luxurious look or a more natural feel, texture is key. The trend for 2009 is to introduce fresh and imaginative textures, whether through wallpapers, fabrics or rugs, to make living areas more tactile. Appealing to the sense of touch is a crucial aspect of a successful interior. By cleverly combining a variety of sumptuous textures, one can create a rich, tactile and opulent ambience. The featured images are good examples of the creative use of texture. The key for 2009 is to use finishes that are crying out to be touched, like flock wallpaper, shot velvets, silks and suedes, along with attention to detail like beading. All of these things softly envelope one within a room.

PATTERN

Similarly to textures and usually combined with them, patterns are back in 2009! The use of patterns is both popular and current. After what seems like decades of flat walls and uninspiring fabrics, patterned wallpaper and fabric is growing in strength. Mixing large-scale pattern, colour and texture creates a bold, dynamic and stimulating interior. Patterns are becoming statement features and colours are becoming more vibrant. Blues, purples, black and metallics have become very fashionable and are essential kit for a 2009 decoration. Adding texture to oversized patterns is also very current, whether through flock, shimmer or reflective surfaces. The featured images are all examples of bold colour, dynamic pattern and tactile finishes. Introducing statement finishes in this way must be carried out in a nuanced way, to compliment the project style and size and, of course, to suit taste.





FEATURE PIECES

Nothing sets off a newly redecorated room like a bespoke piece of furniture. The trend for 2009 is to combine pattern and texture with furniture too, where appropriate. There are some exciting new pieces hitting our shores, the images providing a representative sample of what 2009 should bring to your home. Custom made pieces like foot-stools, headboards and rugs are inexpensive items that can create both a unique and stylish impact. Metallics are making an impression here too, with many pieces of contemporary furniture utilising the bright and reflective quality. The design key here is, use in moderation and don't compromise on quality. Nothing could detract from a room more than a piece of furniture that looks like it's wrapped in tin foil!

HAPPY NEW YEAR

While we may have thought that the trend for 2009 would be to hide our money under the mattress... it is relatively inexpensive and quite uplifting to redecorate... if only a single room. All of the featured fabrics, wallpapers and furniture are competitively priced and available from See in Galway city – so you see... the most current, progressive and rejuvenating designs are all available right on your doorstep.



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