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Don't make a faux pas...keep your eye on the wall! Wallcovering is back in fashion!

You may have left wallcovering behind when faux painting and tromp l'oeil became the rage, but when you are asking yourself, "What can I do with these walls?" you may want to revisit wallpaper.

Wallpaper has always been in step with fashion...now more than ever. The latest fabric trends are showcasing lots of shimmer, beading, crystal and embellishments of all kinds. This movement is now being translated into wallcovering.

Fashion has introduced an

abundance of pattern and this is evident in the latest additions from vendors such as Thibaut, York and Stroheim & Romann.

Technological innovations has allowed the wallcovering industry to add shimmer and texture to the newest creations. Embellishments of glass beads, sand and Swarovski crystals add visual and tactile texture as well as beauty.

The "Green Movement" has also made it's way into the wallcovering industry. Patterns are taking a cue from the environment and focusing on florals, leaves, butterflies and birds.

A very popular choice in wallpaper is now grasses,

bamboo, grass cloth, sisal and more.

Do not let the fear of installation or later removal of wallcovering be an issue. Thanks to technology, wallcoverings are now much easier to hang and remove.

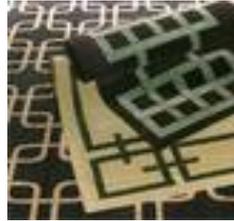
Lea Matthews Furniture and Interiors offers a wide selection of wallcoverings. We offer a complimentary design service. Our design staff can visualize your dream room and turn it into your reality.



Imagine Color. Imagine Design.



“Indulge your sense of creativity and explore a completely customized rug from Kravet..”



Kravet, widely known for their fine line of fabrics, has ventured into rugs and furniture. Searching the world over, Kravet's new collection of rugs captures the art of weaving, offering an exclusive array of color and inspiration.

Whether choosing a tonal Tibetan design, a more traditional pattern from the Eastern collection or the rustic appeal of the Natural collection, each piece offers a rich foundation for your project.

Kravet is a well known company in the design

community. This reputation has been built on their use of quality materials such as wool, silk and natural fibers. Kravet is a “green” minded company and uses top quality swiss and vegetable dyes resulting in a color range flexible enough to complement today's interiors.

Indulge your sense of creativity and explore a completely customized rug from Kravet. Imagination, artistry and design all come together in the most specialized of projects.

In addition to the wide variety of rugs, Kravet furniture has more choices than ever without compromise to quality. As always, Kravet furniture is bench made, eight way hand-tied with hard wood frames in the craftsman tradition.

Offering a variety of shapes and styles such as French and regency, modern and deco, these luxurious furnishings are designed to impress.

With detailing that includes curves, carvings and luxuriant shapes, each piece of furniture provides a gorgeous canvas for fabrics and a centerpiece around which to fashion your home.

Why Seek Out A Credible Designer?

When asking yourself, how can I take my idea and make into a reality, think of a designer! Designers design space...they plan each room so that it is not only pleasing to the eye, but safe, functional, and appropriate to its purpose.

The best designers plan with the purpose of each location in mind. They seamlessly combine art with function - engaging the senses while they satisfy the need for comfort and accessibility.

Designers must consider the practicality of each space: the ease of movement in a room, the amount of light from natural and artificial sources, and the available seating space.

Once the fundamentals are attended to, designers can turn their attention to aesthetics. This involves choosing furniture, fabrics, and accessories and placing them strategically to create a style that is both unique and strikingly gorgeous.

Designers approach each room from all senses: sight (color and lighting), touch (shape and texture), and sound (noise, echo). Not only must each element be pleasing, but the elements must work together as a whole to create a harmonious environment.

To create this sense of harmony, designers must have an in-depth understanding of color, sound, light, patterns, furniture, fabrics, paint, fixtures, and art.

So when asking yourself, how can I take my idea and make it into a reality, consider a designer to simplify the design process and make it more enjoyable for you. At Lea Matthews Furniture and Interiors our design staff can combine your ideas with our visions, and together create a space that is entirely yours and entirely beautiful for years to come.

Harden ... “The Perfect Fit” For Your Home

Harden, a family owned and operated company started in 1844, has a legacy of fine furniture making deeply rooted in American craftsmanship, quality and tradition. By designing top quality furnishings, Harden strives to create the ultimate in beauty for your home and family.

The center of your universe – the living room is a room that deserves expert attention.



The design professionals at Lea Matthews Furniture & Interiors can meet your needs with the latest introduction in entertainment furnishings from Harden.

The “Perfect Fit” collection offers custom options in entertainment ranging from television centers to bar units.

The wall systems offer custom wall storage at its finest. Constructed from solid, home-grown, certified cherry wood, this system offers quality and durability not seen in today’s marketplace.

The individual components are shown in the left corner and can be combined to create the perfect blend of form and function. Entertainment centers are standard with lighting. Bar units include a mirrored back, lighting, overhead rack for stemmed glasses and wine rack. Mullioned, glass and wood doors are options.

Combine different size bases and tops for overall heights of 84”, 96”, and 108”. Optional wood shelves or full glass shelves are also available on many pieces.

Welcome To Upholstery 101

This how-to guide offers the same “inside” information the professionals use. You wouldn’t buy a car before taking it for a spin, would you? So take your time, sit down, stretch out, put your feet up and ask lots of questions.

There are four basic guidelines for purchasing upholstery:

Rule # 1: You have to love the way it looks. Choose a style you love and a brand that offers a wide range of fabrics and custom options. Your upholstered furniture is where you’ll spend many relaxing hours and it says worlds about you and your lifestyle. But remember that “custom” means you can have your sofa covered in your choice of many fabrics and complementary decorative trims.

Rule # 2: Comfort...your second goal. Visualize the people who will be using your sofa, then begin your comfort test. Your comfort test includes sitting down and relaxing for at least 10 minutes. Bring a spouse for a second opinion. Remember the fabric you select and the cushion type will contribute to the sofa’s softness and firmness qualities. Ask your sales professional about custom enhancing features.

Rule # 3: Craftsmanship that you can see. Superior tailoring on the outside probably means superior components on the inside. Eight-way hand tied construction is considered the deluxe foundation for an outstanding sofa.

Rule # 4: A word about value. Wise shoppers focus on value, so be sure you consider more than just the item’s price. Some questions you may need to keep in mind when comparing price and value are: Is this furniture item one that will occupy a prominent place in your home? Will it be subject to “high traffic” demands such as children or pets? Do you expect to use it 6 years, 10 years or longer? What is more important: comfort or style or do you need both?

These and other factors are unique to your home, the room you are furnishing and the lifestyle you prefer. They are all a part of your personal value equation. By considering these simple guidelines, your future upholstery purchase will be a breeze now that you have completed “Upholstery 101.”

“Characteristics of fine quality furniture: the use of eight-way hand-tied coil springs that are interlaced by hand in 8 directions with a quality polyester twine and stationed on a solid polypropylene base - reinforced in two directions with steel bands.”



