

Cool Finds & Industry Trends

This week I wanted to share some clever items that are great for every home, as well as some trends that I've been following this season.

DESIGN YOUR OWN FABRIC



Want to make-over your cushions or curtains, but just can't find the right fabric? Spoonflower.com can help with their unique custom fabrics. Simply upload a picture, clip art, or your child's latest colouring project! There is no minimum order, and you can order sample swatches, or order your fabric by the yard (price range \$18-\$32).

TRY TO BREAK THIS VASE!

These bendable vases are great for homes with kids, and pets. Use as a pencil holder or key dish, or turn the lid up for a bright, attractive vase! Comes in a variety of vibrant colours. Featured in the March 2009 issue of Canadian House & Home. Menu rubber vessels available at Bergo, Toronto (416) 861-1821.



CHOOSING THROW CUSHIONS FOR YOUR SOFA



Symmetry is out! You no longer have to match your cushions to your drapes, and place 1 or 2 pillows symmetrically at each end of your sofa, being sure that they match. All the rules your mother taught you, throw them away! More and more we're seeing a variety of fabrics and trims on cushions, on the same sofa, working together.

A FEW TIPS: Balance cushions with trims with a few straight edged cushions, and be sure that the colours chosen are complimentary, but feel free to mix flowers with stripes, and checkers with paisleys. Use a variety of sizes and shapes to really spice things up.

WALLPAPER IS BACK BABY!

That's right, wallpaper is back, but before you get scared, hear me out. Today's wallpapers have great designs, and are easy to hang. A great way to make a statement in any room, choose from a variety of luxurious wallpapers in a range of colours and styles. Add texture to your wall without the hassle of faux finish painting by choosing a paintable wallpaper. Trust me, you'll be glad you did! Where do you find it? Pretty much anywhere they sell paint, you'll find wallpaper.

