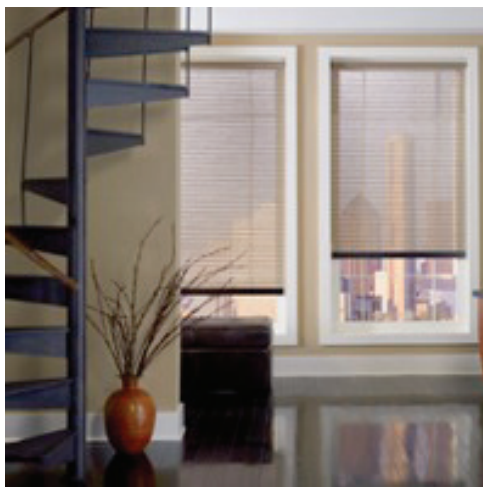




Newsletter 4: Set the Mood with Shades: 4 Different Styles For You to Try.

Sometimes, updating or re-decorating a room can be scary. What color to paint? What accessories to include? Where do I start?

Before you begin tearing down walls and picking out paint colors, try picking a design theme. Having a theme for your room or home can give you direction, inspiration, and motivation to see your project through. Here are four popular design themes to get your wheels turning and inspire your vision for your new—and improved—living space.



Contemporary: This style calls for clean lines and a very minimalist approach. You can best incorporate this motif by leaving windows bare (this accents the architecture in your home). If privacy is an issue, try simple roll-up blinds—there are many varieties that compliment, rather than distract from the lines of your room. The photo to the left is a great example of roller shades that would compliment a contemporary space. These are the Designer Roller Shades from Hunter Douglas.

In addition to using roller blinds, be sure to install window treatments inside the window frame. This maneuver exposes the trim and keeps the room's architectural integrity.

Asian: An Asian-inspired room can be one of two extremes: very luxurious and ornate or minimal and earthy. Depending on which style you're leaning to, you might infuse your room with silk curtains in deep, jewel tones. If you prefer a more natural, serene atmosphere, use simple, cream or amber



colored pull-downs or bamboo blinds. Hunter Douglas offers a great Asian-Inspired shade here.

Country: Sometimes, people go over-board with the country theme. However, you don't need to go to extremes to make your home feel welcoming and reminiscent of a more innocent time. To capitalize on the country theme, try to incorporate floral patterned fabrics in the room. Hanging curtains works best, as they add some dimension and warmth to your space. The picture to the right is an example from Interior-Design-Tutor.net. Notice that the designer kept most of the room neutral while adding emphasis with the patterned curtains. This is very important, as a neutral (simple) backdrop prevents the country theme from overtaking your room.



Tropical: As more and more families try to create a getaway in their homes, the tropical style grows in popularity. Reminiscent of a beach resort, the tropical theme incorporates elements of nature: think wood or stone floors, woven mats, and fabrics like cotton and linen. At first, you might be at a loss for what to do with your windows. If you decide to try the tropical theme, you might consider using indoor shutters. They bring the outdoors indoors while adding an element of interest. In addition, nothing re-creates a beach getaway like throwing open your shutters in the morning to let the sun shine in. Hunter Douglas Palm Beach Polysatin Shutters are featured in the picture.

Whichever design theme you decide to try, it's important that your room is reflection of you and your family's style.

If you want help selecting the perfect window treatments to compliment your new design style, don't hesitate to contact Lavish-Interiors for a FREE consultation!