



PANOPLY PLANNER

Panoply Interior Design & Consulting

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

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TREND UPDATE

Every new season brings with it mouth watering trends and we can't help but be excited. Every season's trend update is like Christmas to a designer and we are lucky enough to share it with you four times a year. Read on for what we foresee to be the trends for Winter 2009/2010.

Would you have ever believed that anything from the 80's would come back in style? A remake of Footloose and a movie about Joan Jett are not the only contenders. Some of this season's blasts from the past come in the form of color

schemes. Pairing Caribbean blue walls, bright white trim, black accessories and a pop of hot pink upholstery will have you singing "I Love Rock and Roll" in no time. For those who prefer a more calming color palette, try an updated version of a 60's inspired avocado and camel or gold (NOT Harvest Gold) combo on your walls. For the perfect blend of funk and functional, it can't be beat. If drama is what you crave then you're in for a treat. Take any shade of green and/or gold, pair it with deep lush purple and watch what happens. The right shade of purple on your walls can look depthless in the right room, but ask the men of the family before you coat the entire house with violet paint. For those who live with "manly men" you can still achieve this look by limiting purple hues to pillows, dining chair seats and backs or other small upholstery pieces without upsetting your man's delicate, I mean fierce, nature.

Other influential whatnots worth mentioning for this blustery season include cut-outs, colorful Ikat's (pronounced E-cot) and embroidery. Everything from rugs, candles and lamp shades are featuring cut-out patterns of all shapes and sizes. A round rug with an abstract pattern cut-out looks especially fantastic on hardwood floors while two tone lamp shades with floral cut-outs on the top layer offer amazing illumination. Ikat fabrics are popping up in a gorgeous array of colors and look impressive on throw pillows as well as full length draperies. Embroidered fabrics don't look like what your grandma has at home anymore either. Fresh and contemporary patterns have been infused with this classic to create something for all ages. Bringing any one of these fabulous ideas into your home is sure to keep you up to date and in the now and Panoply Interior Design can be your source for all things that transcend time.



Ikat Fabric Sample



Cut-out Rug

When confronted with the task of decorating or redecorating a space in your home, a mood/idea board can be a fantastic tool for getting all of your ideas down on paper. Creating a board and bringing it with you to a design consultation will allow you to fully express all of your hopes and desires to your designer. There are a few simple and easy steps to the process of creating a board for your chosen room.

First and foremost, it is helpful to take stock of all of the pieces in the room you wish to revamp. Start by taking a picture of the space and analyzing it from that perspective. Decide what does and does not work for you, such as furniture placement and the overall functionality of the space. At this stage it will be helpful to make a list of pieces that will remain in the room or be replaced.

MAKING A MOOD BOARD

The second step is where the fun begins. Begin looking through various home magazines and tear out anything that appeals to you. Be sure to note on each page what it is you like in the image such as throw pillows or a furniture grouping. Try to find at least two tear outs that relate to each piece that you are hoping to replace in the space you are focusing on. Don't be afraid to tear out images of outdoor spaces as well. If an image portrays a certain feeling that you would like to encompass in your home don't hesitate to include it on your board. Once you have obtained a decent stack of magazine images, and various other items, you can begin cutting out what you liked.

The third and final step is to assemble your board. It will save you time and energy in the end if you lay everything out on a table to see what size board you will need. Anything from a discarded piece of cardboard to art board purchased at a craft store will do the trick. You can

use regular stick glue to adhere your images and hot glue or staples for fabrics and heavier items.

Once your board is complete, and depending on what stage of the project you are ready to undertake, you can set up a consultation with a designer. Don't be afraid to create a "dream board" that is meant to motivate and inspire you for future projects as well. Your board shows that you have a goal and a plan and it will help keep you on track to achieve what you want.



Google Image of a Mood Board

UPCOMING EVENTS

The designers at Panoply would like to invite you to a remodeling sale!

The new year will bring with it a new look for Panoply and Flint Gallery.

Come in and shop with us between the dates of December 1st-24th and receive an additional

20% off

YOUR ENTIRE PURCHASE.

Panoply will be CLOSED 12/25-1/3 for remodeling.

Client Testimonial

Amanda,

*I love my curtains!
They really add to the
room. Thanks so much for
your help!*



TIPS FOR YOUR HOME

A festive holiday home is not complete without the sights and smells that go along with the season. This December remember to use ambient lighting, candles and accessories to showcase your home as a cozy haven within a winter wonderland.

This month Panoply will be featuring a grand new assortment of lamps in the latest styles. Whether you need buffet, end or accent lamps in your intimate setting, you are sure to meet your match with a pair of lamps from our store. *Prices range from \$65 to \$300 per lamp.*

The right fragrance in your home will help you and your guests feel restful amongst the hustle and bustle that is Christmas. An assortment of Seda France and Rosey Rings candles will surely keep the merriment going and keep your home smelling divine. *Prices range from \$15 to \$60.*

Flint Gallery of Panoply also offers a variety of unique, one-of-a-kind and eccentric gift ideas to suit that special someone on your list. We look forward to helping you shine!

ASK THE DESIGNER

Get expert advice
from the pros!

Q. I have four long floating shelves on my living room wall, one stacked over the other. No matter what I put on them they always look sparse or cluttered and there is no balance to be found. What are the rules for height, quantity and spacing if any? What do I put on my shelves? I am open to any suggestions I can get.

Debrah in Atlanta, GA

A. When putting together any type of display it is important to remember to use both symmetry and asymmetry. If everything is perfectly lined up and you use an equal number of baskets or books it appears that you are trying too hard. The key is to make your display look effortless, even if it wasn't.

Start with a clean slate by taking everything down. Stack a few books on their sides from largest to smallest and place them randomly on two or three shelves. Pick an item to sit on top of one stack, beside another and so on. Don't forget to use picture frames, baskets and vertically stacked books sparingly as space fillers. To add symmetry, try displaying teapots or other like items along the entire top shelf. This technique will add an artistic quality to the overall look of your shelves.

Step back frequently and check your work. Don't be afraid to adjust and remove items or pull items from other areas of your home. If one or two of your shelves looks great but others look sparse, make a quick trip to your local discount store and pick up anything that appeals to you. Also, most antique stores will sell old books by the set, so load up on a few different styles and sizes. Bookends will come in handy as well, especially with floating shelves.

Few things are off limits when it comes to this type of arrangement so have fun with it. Just remember that less is more and a little randomness creates interest.

