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A NOTE FROM CYNTHIA

I can't believe that July is half over. Is your summer going as fast as ours? I squeezed in some time to work in my studio. We celebrated Independence Day with family. Thomas saw fireworks for the first time. He was in awe as his uncle lit the little sparklers in our backyard. It's refreshing to think about celebrating our country's freedom through the eyes of a little child.

We took some time off to go visit Grandpa's old house in the Upper Peninsula. Thomas loved being there, even though there's no running water or any other modern conveniences. Here is a picture of Thomas on the shores of Lake Superior.

I hope you are enjoying the dog days of summer. I've had some great projects to work on. Incidentally, two solutions are very appropriate for combating the heat and glare of the sun. I'm making sheers on a beautiful decorative wood traverse rod for one client. And we'll block the glare of the sun for another client with a nubby neutral fabric pulling back on custom painted iron rods with rings.



Lake Superior, 6-26-10

Enjoy!

Cynthia

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P.S. Remember that Hunter Douglas' Sheer Genius Sale expires soon. Place your order for a Silhouette, Pirouette, or Luminette by August 15, 2010 to take advantage of their \$50 and \$100 rebates.

COLOR CONNECTION – Red, White, and Blue – The Meaning of Our Flag



Ever wonder what the red, white, and blue on the American Flag stand for? Here's a little color history about the American flag.

When Betsy Ross made the first flag, the colors held no particular significance. Then, on July 4th, 1776 the Continental Congress authorized a committee to create a seal for the United States of America. The Great Seal was adopted in 1782, and its colors were significant. Those color meanings were soon transferred to the flag.

The **RED** represents heartiness and valor or courage (and some sources say it stands for strength and bravery, and the blood of all of the loyal patriots up until today who fought and died for our freedom).

The **WHITE** represents purity, innocence (and some sources say liberty, peace, and honesty).

The **BLUE** box that holds the stars represents the CHIEF, and the color BLUE stands for vigilance, perseverance, and justice (and some sources say loyalty, truth, and determination).

The 13 STRIPES represent the original thirteen colonies of the United States and the rays of sunlight.

The STARS symbolize the heavens, and the 50 STARS represent each of the fifty states of our country.

PRODUCT NEWS – Brimar Introduces a New Trim Collection

Brimar is known for amazingly beautiful trims and hardware to showcase any window treatment. And now they are bringing out a new trim collection called the **Hamptons**.



The trims are 70% sustainable. These fresh colors and fabulous designs are chemical free, with eco-fibers and recyclable content.

The beachfront hues of browns and blues and greens have toxic-free dyes. The trims with beads are made from recycled glass and salvaged wood. The clean cable design is perfect for today's emphasis on simple lines.

The next time you think about using trim to define lines and add beauty, make a conscious choice. Be eco-friendly.



FEATURE ARTICLE – Go Natural in Your Living Spaces

Do you want to create a fresh and relaxing atmosphere in your home? **Go natural!** You can choose some natural elements such as bamboo, wicker, or rattan. Depending on how you accent your space, you can create a botanical or tropical feel to your natural look. **Here are a few tips.**



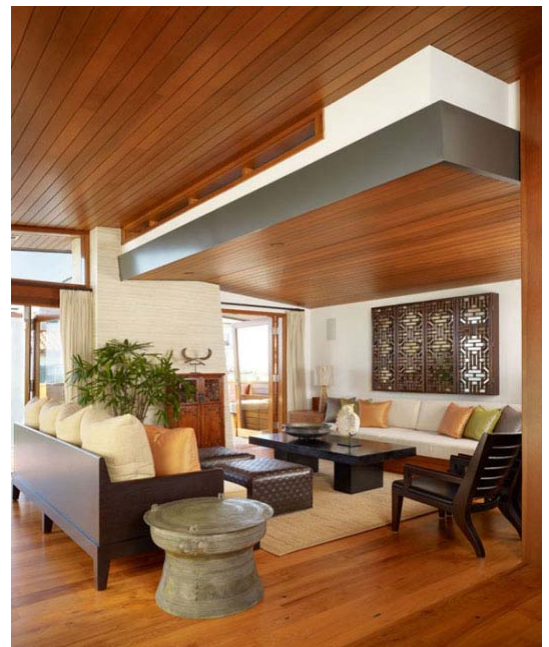
1. Clip out pictures in magazines. See what you like. Then take a closer look at what really catches your eye, furniture or rugs or window treatments or accessories that you can imagine in your space. Make a list of the items you already have and items you would like to add.

2. Create a budget. Determine how much you are willing to spend.

3. Any natural wood flooring is perfect for this type of styling. However, stone or textured tile can add dramatic effects also.

4. Use soft, lush, natural fabrics with texture for window treatments. Choose neutral browns, tans, ivory and beige. Add more texture with bamboo blinds or grass cloth roman shades. Keep the style simple and the lines clean. Mix in botanical or animal print fabrics.

5. Coordinate the upholstery colors to complement your draperies. Choose natural wood accent pieces such as bamboo, rattan, or wicker, which are available in a wide array of colors and styles. Embellish these pieces with cushions in botanical or jungle prints.



6. Select your wall colors to set off the window treatments and major furnishings. A bamboo patterned wallpaper is extremely handsome and versatile, or muted natural colors are great choices for paint.

7. Decide whether you want your accessories to pop with color or blend in for a more monochromatic look. Consider fun prints or texture on lampshades with a great Brimar trim wrapping the edge. Add a well-placed plant, even grasses, or a tree to fill a space.

Have fun with this style! When you have done it right, your room will feel like a breath of heaven.

STUDIO UPDATE

As many of you know, I've been hard at work using all of my building and carpentry skills to finish my studio. **This will be a wonderful space for you and me to dream and develop luxurious design plans for your home.** We can spread out fabric and trim books and decorative hardware pieces to create one-of-a-kind window treatments, just for you. You will also be able to touch and operate and compare the latest Hunter Douglas blinds and shades before you order them for your home.

I painted the north wall a deep rich purple and finished the trim around the windows. The next step for this wall is to build custom columns to hang the fabric books. You'll see that in the next issue.

I spent a couple weeks creating this really cool 4' x 8' built-in bookshelf. I can't wait to fill it with all of my wonderful trim books. My trusty Sears table saw has been getting a workout this month!



ABOUT CYNTHIA

For over 15 years, Cynthia has helped her clients create living spaces full of beauty, passion, and peace.

Her interior design business specializes in high-end custom window treatments. With more than 30 years of sewing experience, Cynthia personally creates one-of-a-kind designs, featuring exquisite embellishments that make each custom window covering a work of art.

Give Cynthia a call for your next interior design project. From flooring to walls to furniture, she will show you how to surround yourself with things you love, with colors that energize, and with objects that inspire. ***Go ahead, wrap yourself in luxury.***

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