

Fall updates: part one

Ushering in the fall decorating season, over the next three weeks this column will list the top 10 fall design and decor trends and tips by interior design expert Elaine Williamson of Dallas, Texas.

Below is the first installment.

1. Vintage accents.

What's old is new again. French-burlap is no longer just for sack-racing. This earth-friendly fiber is being utilized for chic pillows imprinted with a vintage stamped design or even a family initial. Accent chairs can also be seen covered in grasy linen imprinted with vintage "document" script writing. Vintage couture lamps (and their replicas) are utter perfection this year, especially those with milk glass and natural material bases, drum shades and antique brass finials. Aged, color-washed wood accessories such as candlesticks, urns and bowls are popular as oversized accessories to accent and update a time-worn look.

2. Wallpaper. With a decreasing demand for faux finishes and walls painted in solid primary colors, wallpaper is making a comeback in a big and decidedly fashionable way. From bright and bold to subdued and elegant, today's wallpapers are easy to apply and even easier to remove, making updating the seasonal look of a room easier than ever before. There are a seemingly endless number of choices from solids to patterns, and everything in between.

3. Timeless art. When shopping for items to occupy wall space, ditch the quick fix, "matchy-

matchy" picture. Art doesn't have to be expensive but it should certainly have meaning. Buy what you love. Mix media and styles. To add depth and character to your pieces, forego the glass cover that can be distracting and casts a glare that actually detracts from your interior design. Remember — if you love it, it works!

