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Windows and Walls With *Character...*

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The windows and walls in your home are not just a structural entity but, in fact, are a blank canvas for you to become inspired and create something impactful and dynamic. The fabric and wall coverings we are seeing today are not only inspirational but exciting. From bold geometrics to vintage floral, beautiful opulent metallic finishes, to the rustic vibe of reclaimed brick and wood, we just can't get enough of the design power of fabric and wallpaper.

Both fabric and wallpaper can make a huge impact in any space. A few rolls of wallpaper can transform and define a space in dramatic and luxurious ways, far beyond that of just paint. Whether your room is large or small, wallpaper and fabric can instantly set a style, make a bold statement or add character and personality to an otherwise basic design. It can change a vastly spacious room by making it feel more intimate and cozy, just the same way a bold and busy pattern can transform a small room in your home to a charming and dynamic space.

Wall coverings can address a blank wall in your home. However, many condo dwellers today have a greater amount of windows than walls; the view and light is fantastic but it can also be challenging. With the volume of windows some of my clients have in their condos, window



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HERE ARE A FEW TIPS TO GET YOU STARTED

- Look to create a stylish focal point in your room by wallpapering a single wall
- Don't be afraid of using large-scaled patterns in smaller spaces
- Wallpapers are also available in peel and stick, making installation easier and often these papers are reusable, a great option for renters

treatments can become a costly venture. When looking to add some type of window coverings to your home, why not consider a combination of blinds and sheers? Motorized blinds are an easy option for condo dwellers, providing privacy and sun control. However, blinds alone can sometimes seem unfinished. With the addition of sheers this can become an attractive option. Much like wallpaper, sheer fabrics have come a long way in recent years. These are not the sheers you may remember from your childhood. Instead the sheer fabric options available today are exciting, colourful, incredibly patterned and textured — just the perfect thing to frame out your vista.

As space is often at a premium in condos, one style that I like to suggest when designing for my clients is the ripple-fold drapery header. Ripple-fold is a simple, understated design for drapery. It has clean lines and the ability to highlight many large bold fabric patterns, but is exceedingly more elegant and custom looking in your living space than a basic grommet drapery header. A treatment such as ripple-fold, in combination with blinds, will complement your windows beautifully while also affording a tight, space saving stack-back of your drapery panels when not in use.

This style of drapery is best constructed using a fabric that has a great hang. Alendel Fabrics not only has a large selection of fabrics just perfect for this sort of window treatment, this season they have also launched a new line of wall coverings.

Become inspired with your walls and windows, and look to give them some personality and character. **CL**

