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GARDENS OFF DRUGS: Merle Souci was presented with first prize last week for the Oakville Organic Garden Contest, organized through Gardens off Drugs and sponsored by OakvilleGreen Conservation Association and South Peel Naturalists, together with Wildflower Magazine and The Green Brigade Lawn Care. Souci received the Eva Hoepfner Memorial Award for the best organic garden in Oakville. Judging criteria involved no pesticide use in 2003, biodiversity, use of native plants and use of ground covers.



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## Carpet takes center stage

to multi-levelled patchwork weaves to tailored ribs, geometric loops and lattices to nubby, terry-like twists, there are more than 200 styles and 4,000 colours of wall-to-wall carpet on the market today.

"The unique and innovative patterns, textures, and colours that are available today, resulting from the latest fibre and manufacturing technologies. offer endless home styling options and are taking the spotlight at every floor show," says Leslie Beaumont, from Beaulieu Canada, one of Canada's largest carpet manufacturer.

Designers are now selecting carpet to create the focus in an overall room design scheme, rather than treating it simply as a neutral backdrop to other fur-

Modern carpet textures offer architectural interest to the floor with height variation, sculptured effects and shadowing, and are the perfect contrast to smooth wall and furniture surfaces. Contemporary organic patterns coordinate easily with other interior upholstery and drapery fabrications. Even a choice

From soft, layered intricate vine and floral designs of a subtle design will create interest underfoot and a look that is sophisticated, neutral and pleasing to the eve.

> For practical consideration, texture and patterned carpet are popular for minimizing soil and vacuum marks and increasing the perception of quality and value. Besides being the perfect design medium, no other flooring choice surpasses wall-to-wall carpet for comfort, warmth, sound-proofing, performance,

> As life gets more hectic, people strive to make their homes the perfect oasis and surround themselves with what they like. The trend is to make homes softer, simpler and more liveable. People are expressing themselves and their own individuality through colour, texture and pattern. To transform a space, designers start from the floor up. Carpet has evolved to become a valuable, infinitely pliant design tool, and is becoming the latest trend, and a key element in the interior design process for any

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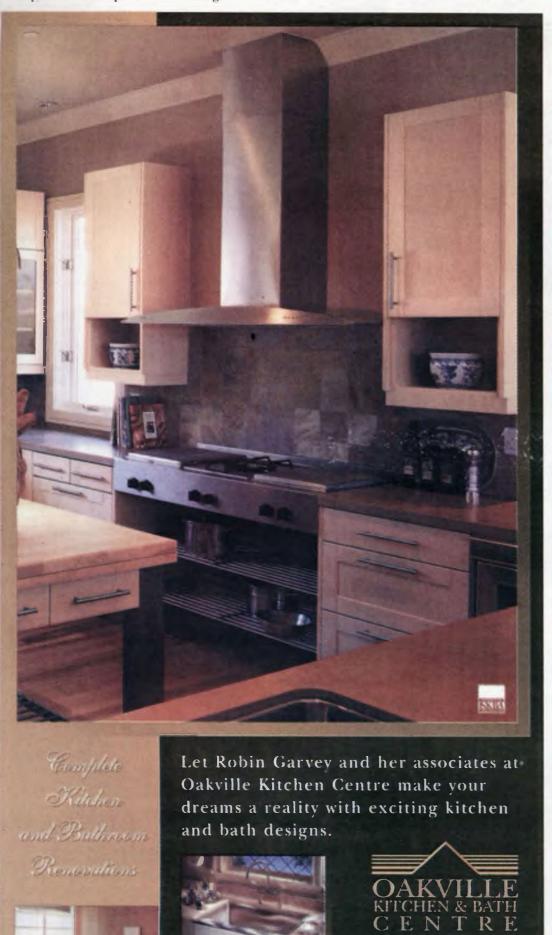
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