

Accessorizing tips for your home

Give your rooms a pleasing personality - choose the right accessories. A home should reflect the personality of those who live in it through its accessories. You may want to display your prized collections, family heirlooms, or choose the things that give the room a pulled together look. Accessories are grouped as functional or decorative. The functional group includes mirrors, clocks, lights, books, and pillows, while paintings, sculptures, plants, and small antiques are in the decorative category.

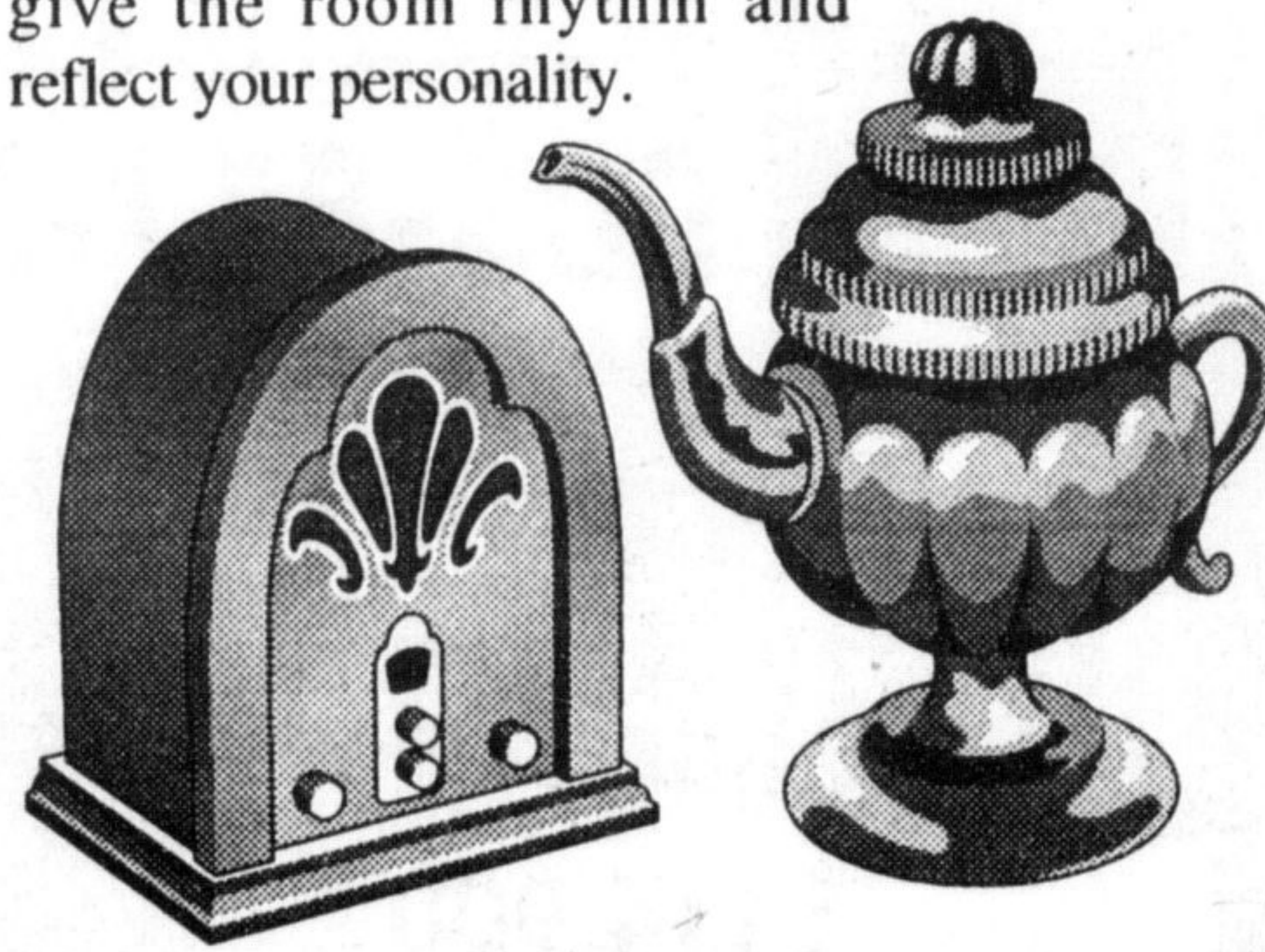
A good starting place is to consider everything you presently have. It can be challenging to find the right spot for your favorite things. Keep those that are the right color and size for your bare places. Do you want to achieve a clean or cluttered look? A contemporary room usually has few accessories while a country room may have dozens.

The design principles of balance and proportion are important in the arrangement of accessories. A single tiny cup and saucer would be out of scale on a large coffee table and a large

ginger jar lamp would overwhelm a small coffee table. There are two things to remember when working with a grouping; an odd number of anything is more pleasing than an even number and nothing should be displayed by itself unless it deserves to stand-alone.

If your budget won't allow you to do everything you want to do, consider investing in one "good" item instead of ten cheap ones. This will aid you in making a visual statement.

The right accessories correctly placed help give the room rhythm and reflect your personality.



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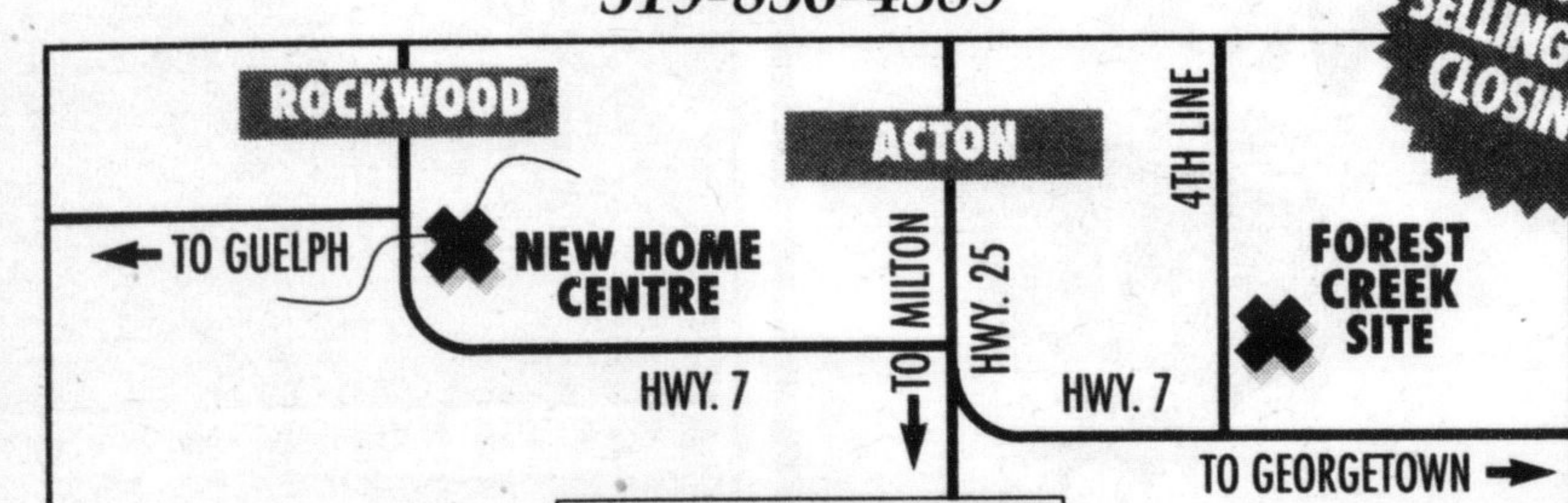
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