

## The Comfort and Warmth of Fall Decorating

We are all saddened to say "good bye" to the dog days of summer, yet fall brings us so many ways to add a little comfort and warmth to our lives. From decorating to comfort food, autumn's splendour can be felt in the cosiness of a favourite sweater, seen in the wonderful display of colour presented by mother nature, smelled in the spicy aroma of pumpkin pie tasted in a good old fash-

ion Thanksgiving dinner and heard in the laughter of children frolicking in a pile of leaves. It is a time of change that can be so much fun when applied to decorating, indoors and out.

The change in season however, can be reflected in our rooms without complete upheaval. A simple pitcher of rushes, twigs and bright berries give a natural autumn appeal. The use of simple materials can make your decorating naturally elegant. See the list below for easy to find materials that may be used in combination or on their own to create pretty fall displays indoors and out. Arrangements should look effortless. Glass

Chimayo Red - TH46

County Cork - NA06

jars, interesting bowls; baskets, garden urns and rusty sap buckets are all superb containers for your natural displays. It is simple to introduce spicy fall colours such as rich chocolate browns and deep reds, with cozy Bridle - TH 38

pillows, throws, lampshades, table runners, fresh floras and wreaths. If you yearn for these colours year consider round

Pinecones

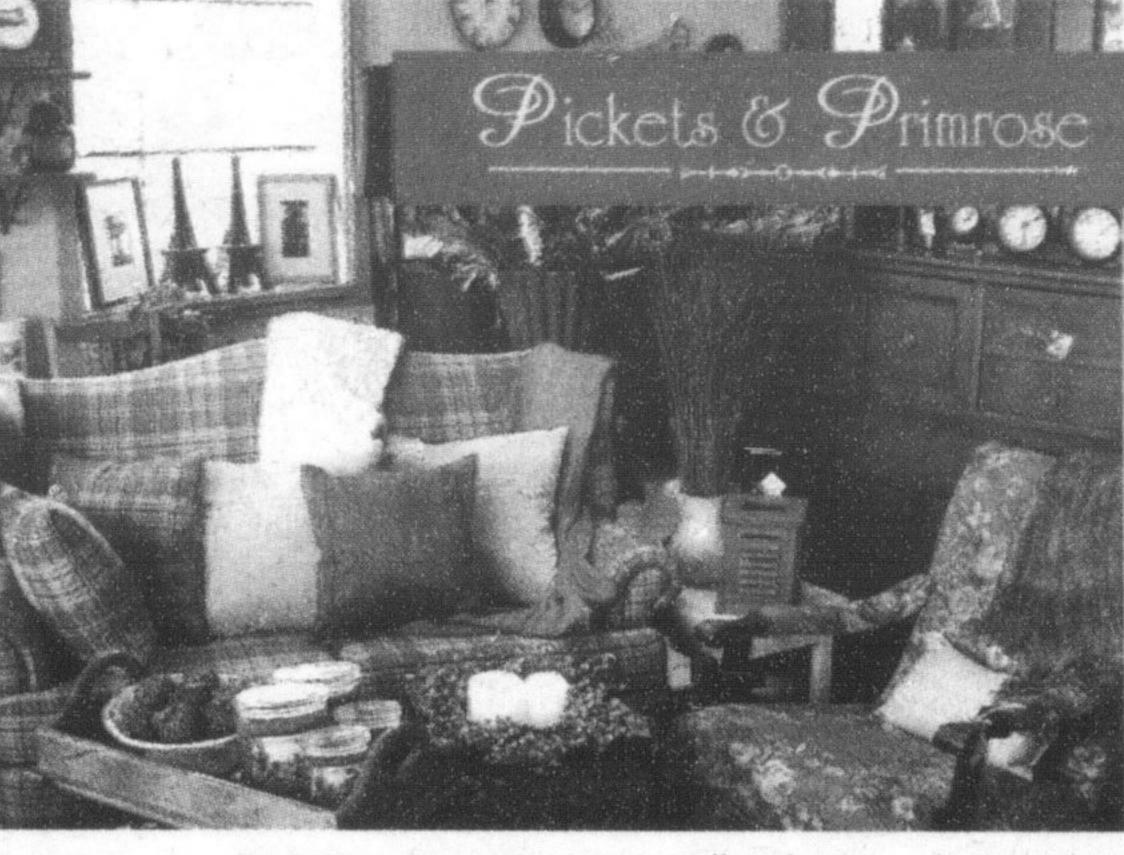
Pumkins in various

Dried hydrangeas

Curly willow

colours (especially white!)

Rocks



painting a room or an accent wall with warm colours such as Ralph Lauren's County Cork-NA06, Bridle-TH38 or Chimayo Red-TH46.

As the weather cools, pile rugs back on the floors, fold thickly woven blankets over chairs, sofas and beds. Cast intimate pools of light with a variety of table lamps and groupings of candles. Trade sheers in for thicker curtain panels in a warm colour that will keep your rooms feeling cozy all winter long. Nostalgia is a wonderful element worth recapturing for the sense of comfort and simplicity it brings, any time of year. Even though the memories may not be our own, nostalgia helps us evoke the unassuming style of an era not so long ago. An antique dresser or vintage chandelier can find their way into even the most contemporary of styles. In fact, it is these rooms that any vintage piece can make the boldest statement.

Pickets and Primrose offer you many elements that can make your fall visually appealing and comfortable. From beautifully scented Colonial Candles such as Pumpkin Pie, Harvest Bounty and Vanilla Brandy to cozy throws, vintage and antique furniture, and Ralph Lauren paints, we are sure to be one of your favourite stops this fall. With our decorating expertise we can help you combine colours, textures and maybe a few treasured antiques that will make your home ready to welcom you with warmth and friendliness for this season and always.

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- Chestnuts
- Gourds
- Purple fountain grass
- Moss
- Mums in all colours
- Kale
- Sunflowers
- Daisies
- Twigs with berries
- Cat tails (only until they "blow")



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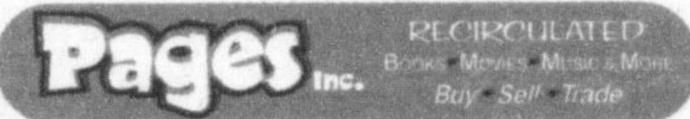
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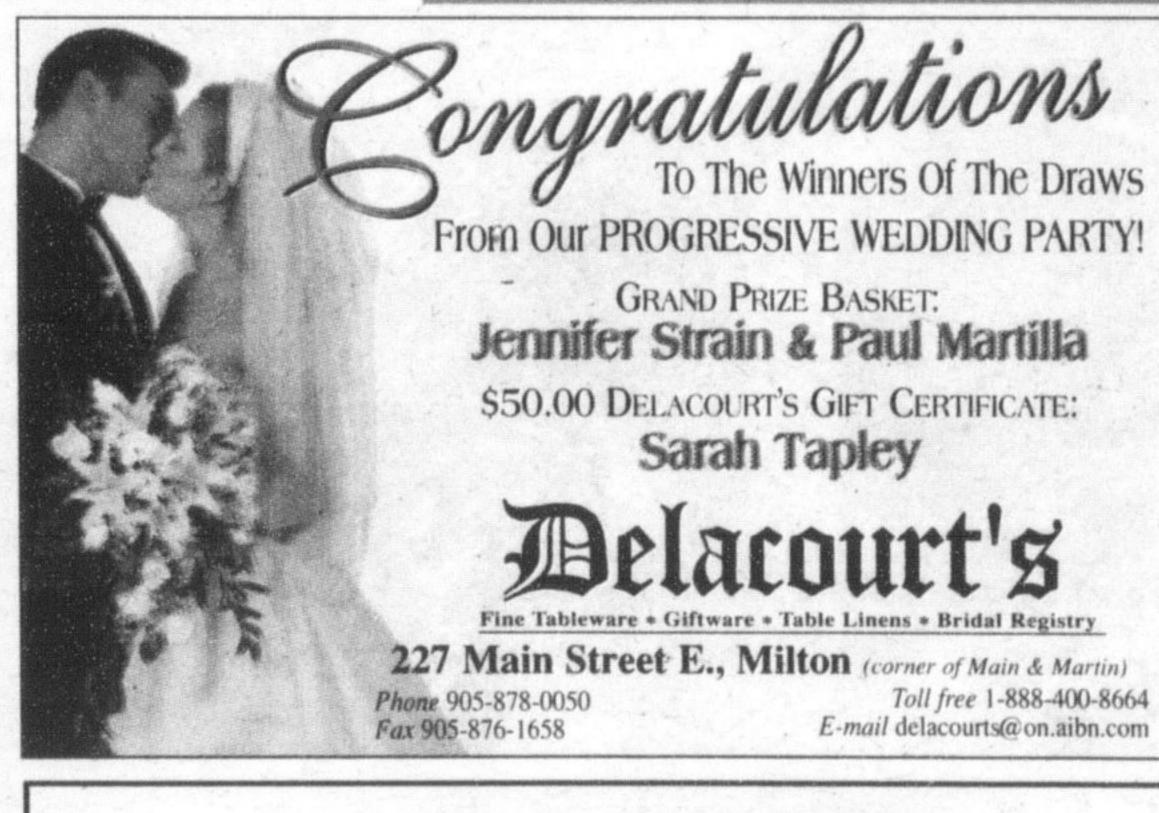
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