

# Home, Lawn & Garden

## Oh baby – I like your style!

(NC)—My guess is that when young parents are preparing a place in their home for a new baby, there's a lot more love available than there is cash. Just providing the basics of comfort, cleanliness and safety can be a challenge. How to do that and still achieve the special look that their newcomer really deserves?

Recently I talked with Mary Dobson, a guest expert with Citytv's CityLine, on just this subject. I have always admired the way Mary uses fabric creatively in home décor. Because she is now spokesperson for Levolor Window Fashions in Canada, I asked her how parents today are dealing with the tricky issue of window treatments.

"Tricky is right," she acknowledged. "Babies are famous for their demanding time tables; you need really effective light control, throughout the day. Also there's the question of heat loss or heat gain from a window; babies don't react well to drafts. One popular solution is the cellular shade. You can choose between different sizes of cell to give the degree of light control that suits you. Also, the cells provide quite a high level of insulation."

I commented that cellular shades may be practical, but I find them a bit short on visual excitement. Mary laughed.

"You haven't seen what's available these days," she said. "There are appealing colours and materials in all price ranges. But that's not really the point. Cellulars are so easy to dress up – overlay them with sheers or team them with ready-made drapery panels, and they can look stunning. In a baby's room the same shade can be part of a series of different treatments, as the child grows up and forms his or her own ideas of what looks good."

Well, I took a closer look at Levolor Window Fashions' cellulars, and I found other reasons why they are so right for a child's room. For example, cordless shades translate into no dangling cords to tempt mischievous fingers – or the family cat.

Another optional feature may be new to you – it was to me. Levolor Window Fashions' cellular shades can be lowered from the top, as well as raised from

the bottom. This allows you to place the shade in exactly the right position in the window to keep sunlight away from furnishings – espe-

cially the crib.

You should take Mary's advice, too – more information on what Levolor Window

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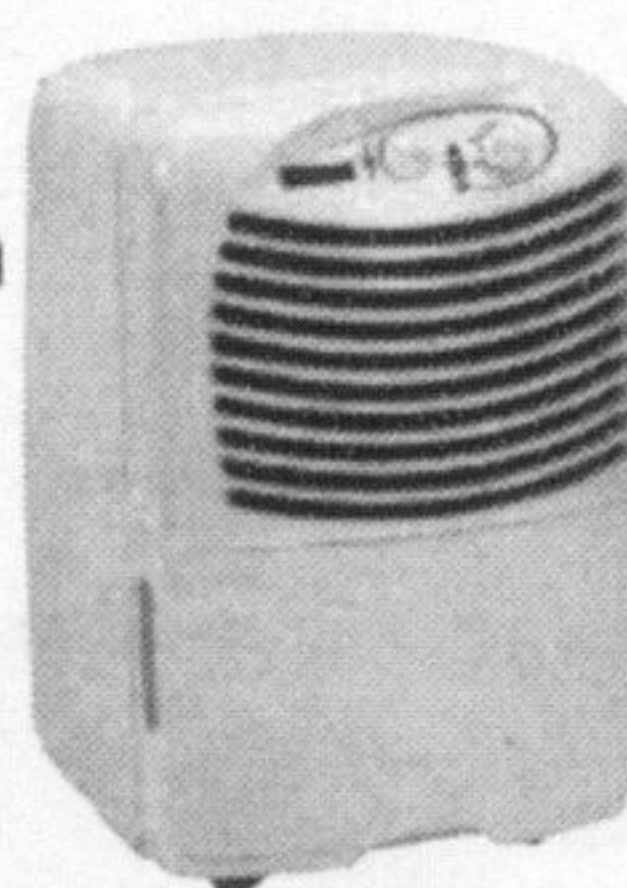
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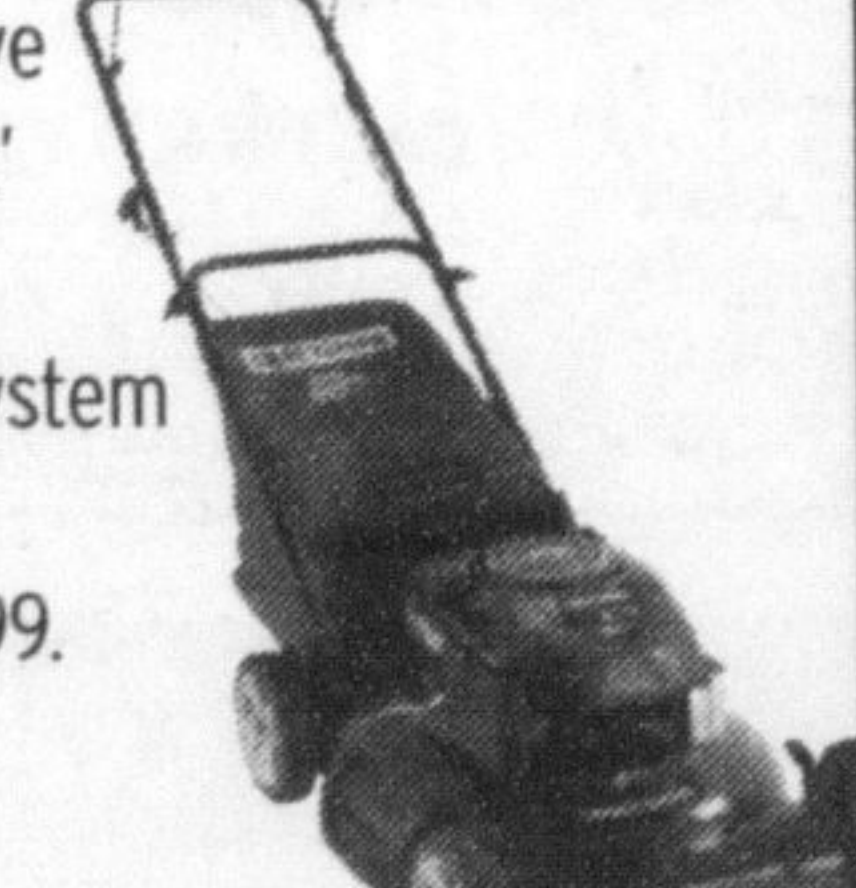
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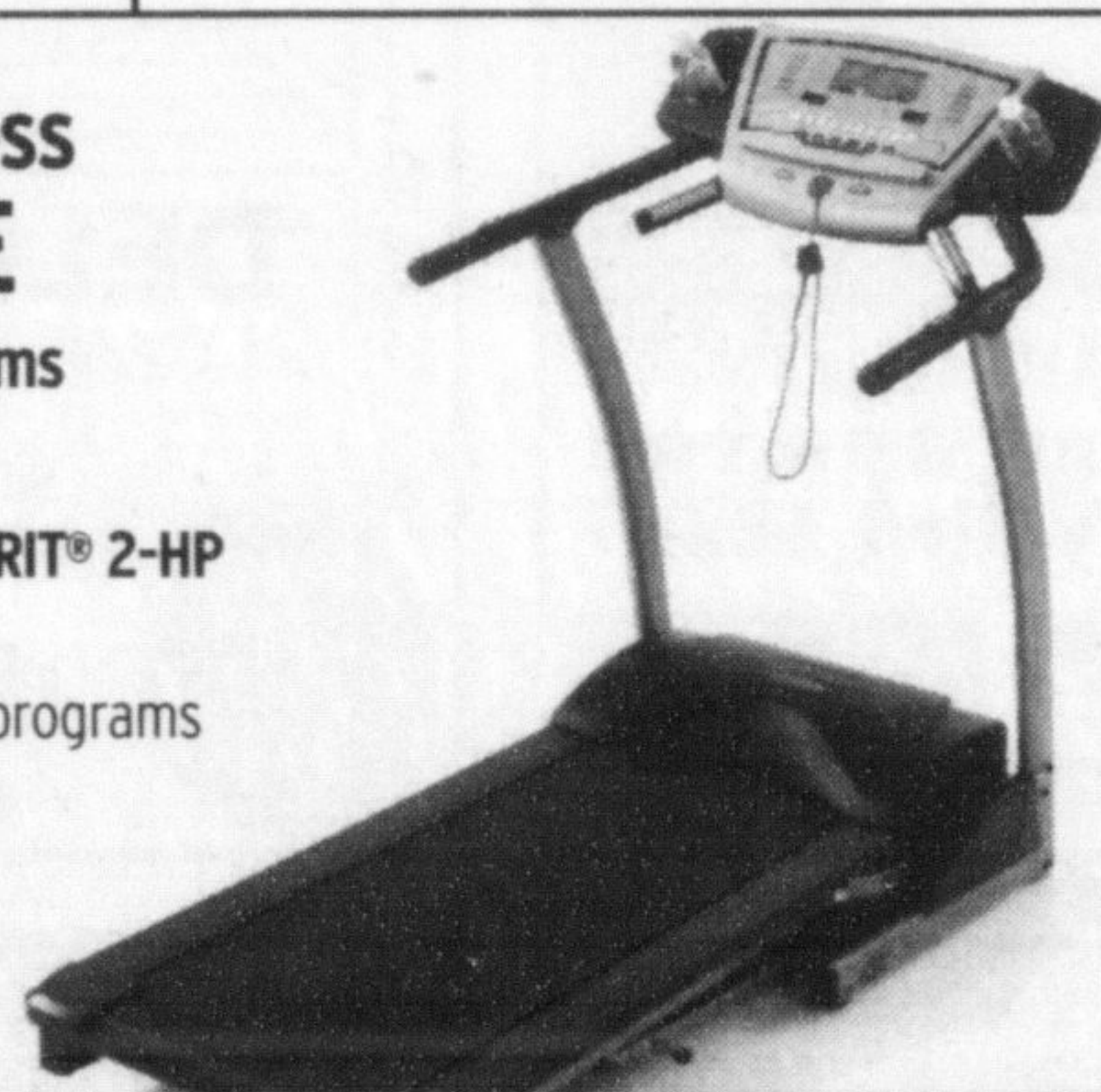
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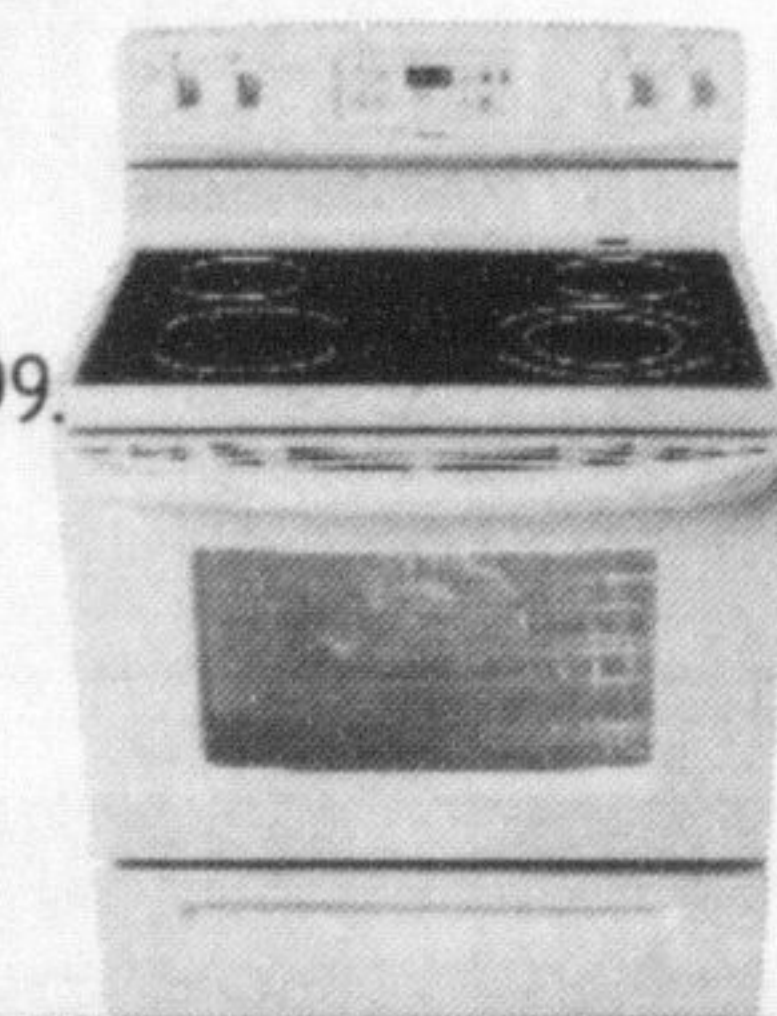
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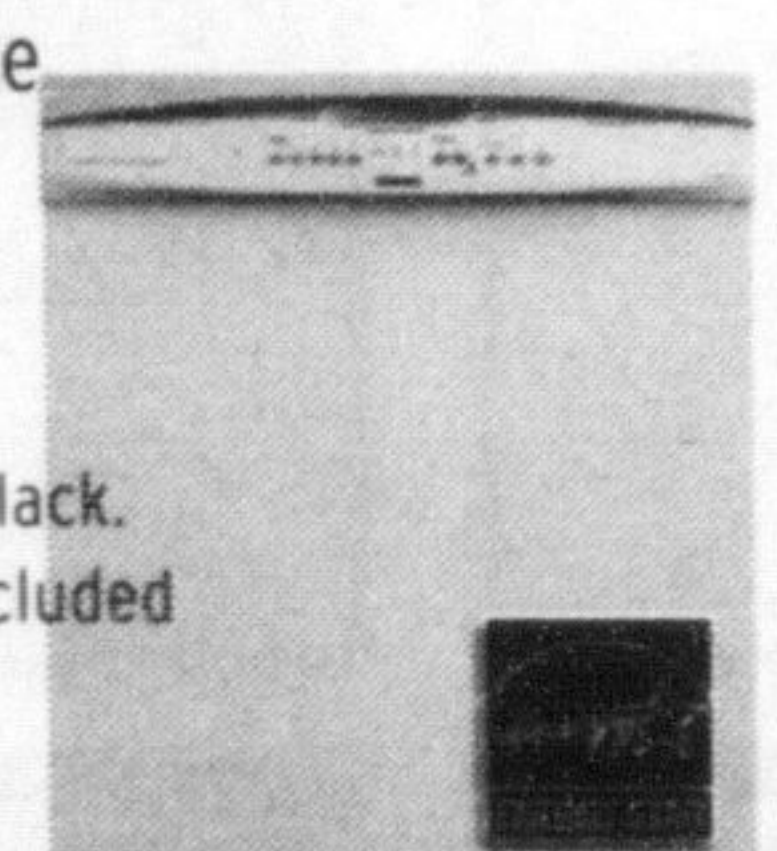
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