

INTERIORS

Color Your World has latest in decorator tips

As the current economic downturn forces many people to postpone buying a new house, the trend towards home improvements is growing, notes George Wong of Color Your World in Stouffville.

For the do-it-yourselfer, the cost of painting or wallpapering a room can be modest, and can transform the most ordinary area into a living space with character and charm.

"You can do a whole room for less than \$100, and the change is like night and day," Wong pointed out.

You can keep costs down by using decorative borders with paint, rather than wallpapering the entire room, an option which has become increasingly popular in the last few years, he said.

"A lot of people choose to paper just one of the walls and use a co-ordinated border for the rest of the

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room," he said.

Color Your World offers a variety of in-stock wallpapers which are selling at between 40% and 60 per cent off the regular price throughout February.

The store also carries an array of wallpaper books.

Custom-mixed oil and water-based paints are available for both interior and exterior applications in a multitude of colors to complement your decor.

Browns and greens are increasingly popular color choices, and Wong said that most of his customers in Stouffville still strongly favor the country look.

"They like the Laura Ashley type of mini-print in soft colors, and designs with farm scenery."

Papers and borders featuring animals, especially cows, horses and geese, are big sellers.

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"And if the view from your room is less than breathtaking, consider a mural on one wall, he suggested.

Scenes range from a sky dotted

with hot-air balloons to a forest filled with glorious fall colors.

Color Your World carries a range of accessories, including paint brushes, rollers, trays and scrapers. You'll also find wood stains for outdoor projects such as decks.

Wong said he is committed to personal service, and is happy to

offer advice and help to his customers.

"Everybody that walks through the door gets personal attention," he stressed. The store is located in the west end of Stouffville, at 18 Ringwood Drive, south of Main Street near Highway 48.

For more information call 642-2048.

Garden tools enter the 1990s

If you have trouble starting your gas-powered blower or hate dragging along a 100-foot extension cord with your electric hedge trimmer, take heart.

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