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SHOP TALK

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What's New in Textiles and Fibers

For most of our history cotton was the most popular and versatile of all the textiles. In fact, up until the industrial revolution, fabrics, especially bed linens, were some of the most valuable household goods.

Consider that prior to **the late 1800's, the** process of weaving was a time consuming task and the availability of the materials to weave also added challenges.

What comes to mind when you think of polyester?

Depending on your age, the first thought may be of those fashionable **leisure suits of the 70's! But today's polyesters** have been reinvented to mimic the texture and style of natural silk. These fabrics are much more cost effective and actually stronger and more resilient than the natural fibers.

Acrylic fabrics with its hard, scratchy plastic texture has always been used on outdoor cushions. **They've now** moved indoors! Mills are continuing to refine the

fibers and creating a wide variety of finishes and weaves. These **"new" acrylics are durable,** stain, and fade resistant. Imagine being able to clean them with diluted Clorox.

Microfibers bridge practicality and style and are the new krypton fabric. Then are often found in chic ultra suede texture in a variety of great colors and finishes.

The newest, sustainable fabric are made from natural materials such as corn, soy, bamboo, and hemp or even recycled plastics. The textures are unbelievably soft and yet durable.

Brave new markets are emerging every day!

Accessories Etc. Inc is a full service interior design firm led by Chrissie Forbes, ASID along with Rita Caskey, ASID and Chris Knudsen. We offer services that can be tailored to your needs. Each project is individual and unique. Please call us at 239.444.1400 if you wish to schedule an interview



- *Lonely Chairs: Comfortable chairs cannot exist in a void. See that every chair has a good lamp and a small table nearby.*
- *Move the Furniture: Don't let every item become locked in place. It costs nothing to move a few tables and chairs around for a fresh look.*



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Someone's in the Kitchen: Shrimp on the barbie



My brother, John Porter, has emerged as a culinary genius with this popular appetizer. It is a big step up from his old stand by: American cheese slices, spread with peanut butter and rolled.

Enjoy,
Chrissie

- 2 # raw shrimp, peeled & de-veined
- 1/2 cup olive oil
- 1 t black pepper
- 2 dashes red pepper
- 2 t dried minced onion
- 1 t salt
- 4 cloves garlic, finely chopped

Place all ingredients in a Ziploc bag and marinate overnight, at least 12 hours, to allow for maximum flavor.

Soak bamboo skewers in water to avoid catching fire.

Thread shrimp onto the skewers and grill over a high heat for 2-3 minutes or until they begin to turn pink. Turn over and finish cooking.

The trick is not to overcook the shrimp!!

Oh-So Cozy Corners

Increase the "hominess" factor of your home by adding quiet little retreats—perfect spaces for conversation, curling up with a good book or sharing your favorites TV show or movie.

