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## Autumn/Winter 2006

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Wow what a cold start to winter – snow everywhere! My horse is most disgruntled and Paula has the heater on full bore most days which makes it nice & cosy for visitors to the Studio! Don't forget you are always welcome to join us for a coffee and browse the array of art, accessories, furniture and the extensive range of fabrics for both drapery and furnishings. Many of which are exclusive to us!

*Grandiflora fabric by Mokum*



Custom made Linen and Furniture are a big part of what we do ensuring you get exactly what is you are after without compromise.

Remember true luxury is about things chosen well rather than often.

This doesn't mean the items are expensive just that they are well made and fit exactly with your décor and needs. We deal with several furniture manufacturers who offer custom design to suit you and your budget. Everything from sofas and armchairs to dining room tables and bedroom suites.



*upholstered headboard, Bedroom furniture in rimu and an Armchair for two - all custom made.*

We also have some fabulous linen fabricators ensuring the bed coverings and sheets all completely fit with the look you are after.

Come see the beautiful silk duvet inners, underlays, throws and pillows which offer unique thermal qualities. Warm in winter, cool in summer, no bunching of fill, hypoallergenic and impervious to dust mites making them awesome for asthma, allergy and arthritis sufferers.



## MDINZ

One of only 16 designers in the Lower North Island and 124 in total New Zealand wide we have recently been accepted as Professional Members of the Designers Institute of New Zealand.

This is available only to Associate Members who have gained experience as practicing designers, and who, in the opinion of the Council of Designers Institute, have attained a high level of professional competence and meet the requirements of admission set out in the regulations.

This assures you, our clients, of a professional, open, upfront and honest service in all areas as well as the knowledge that you are dealing with designers that have the expertise and knowledge to confidently advise you. You know you are dealing with professionals!

## Website Upgrade

Take a look at our newly upgraded website! [www.leahmburns.co.nz](http://www.leahmburns.co.nz) Its new format makes it easier for you to get ideas from the work we have done and see what we can achieve for you. It also features our latest newsletter in full colour so if you want to see all the pictures in colour take a look or let us know your email so we can email you a link to our website when each new newsletter comes out.

## Designex Sydney

I recently attended Designex in Sydney. More than 350 of Australia's most dynamic design companies and brands showcased the latest design trends, products and technology.

The main trends to come out of the show seemed to be a return to all that is decadent, beautiful, glittery and romantic. Lots of pink and purple, bright green and orange, large florals, crystals, and a return to a real botanical feel for fabrics, wallpapers and general design.

## Trends

The Japanese influence is currently enjoying a revival and is a great source of design inspiration. Beautiful silk fabrics with intricate Japanese styled designs are in the studio now.

From patchwork quilts to needlepoint cushions, the rich tapestry of the past is inspiring modern reinvention. Beautiful upholstery fabrics inspired by patchworks are available now to give that comfortable feeling of always having been there.

Lighting has always been important but now feature lighting which is beautiful in its own right is back with a vengeance. Large fabric covered shades, chandeliers, and modern materials like wood and even polystyrene packaging make up some fabulous feature pieces.



One trend is to things more Playful.

Characterized by bright colours, bold lines and a sense of youthful exuberance.

It's not just the primary colours used and simplistic design patterns that exhibit this sense of playfulness – it's also how, and where they're being used. Bold, bright splashes of colour – on the ceiling. Moulded plastics, fat and thin patterns, and stackable designs – in dinnerware.

## Trends Cont.

Call it a reaction to the austere, to the minimalist, an antidote to the overly serious. Or just call it playful and fun

This trend is offset by another direction that offers a more refined sense of style and sophistication.

The richly contrasting play of opposites, most pronounced in sophisticated black-on-white design expressions of fashion and furniture designers, informs this trend to elegance. At once bold and understated, the movement toward capturing that elusive point where day meets night is seen across a diverse landscape of trends.

Patterns combine hard edges with swirls ... textiles, mirrors and tiles take on painterly scribbles and undulating shapes ... while furniture, objects and fabrics are stretched beyond their normal applications. Matte surfaces are embellished with glossy overlay.



It's all about glamour! velvets are back and looking better than ever, Shimmery and luxurious. We have some exclusive ranges that you just must see!!



And in a completely different direction is the continuing trend of moving the indoors out... and bringing the outside in.

What's "new" about this trend so well established is the level of detail that we're seeing ... the imagination in the kinds of things taken outside, and brought indoors. So, while taking a chair outside is where the trend started, the chair now is brought back inside - and used not as a base for a planter box, but as the planter box itself. Clear plastic or acrylic containers are becoming the place settings of choice, so the entire structure is on view: flowers, yes, but also stems, roots, the soil itself. Wallpaper patterns reminiscent of jungle foliage; stone and floral embellishments find three-dimensional expression onto plate ware and glassware.

## Colour

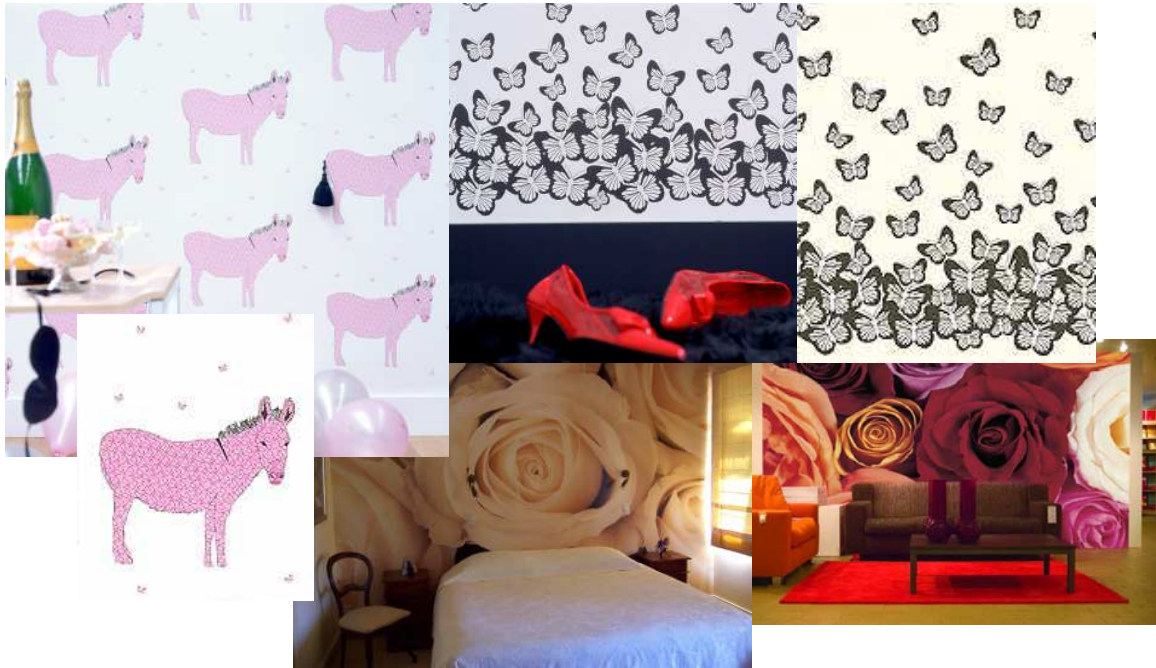
The overall direction in colour for upcoming seasons captures the dynamic contrast between soft and bold colour. We're seeing less of specific ranges of colour, and more a collection of shades, as they span the range from light, to neutral, to dark and saturated.



## New Ranges

Wallpaper is very popular and gives you a better wearing surface than paint. It can take the knocks better than paint and you can get some great results with the fabulous designs now available. We have several unique and exclusive ranges as well as all the usuals for you to choose from.

Take a look at this amazing range from the UK



## Art Evening

We had a very successful art exhibition and thanks to our artists who contributed their work, Jeff Bryan, John.W.Christensen, Gail Wilson, Anneke Moore and Alistair Dickson.

A crowd of around 80 enjoyed champagne and canapés and were able to speak to the artists about the pieces they were purchasing. Even tho the night was extremely wet the front veranda coped with all the umbrellas very well!



We trust your project whether renovation or new, has gone well and we look forward to assisting you again in the future.

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