

Light Your Corners With New Decorative Lamps

Lamp design has undergone a thorough overhauling. Both modern and traditional forms have been revamped to highlight current decorating schemes.

Homemakers shopping for new floor, table, and pinup lamps this spring will find that modern has discarded its utilitarian look. The functional structure remains, but it has developed softer, daintier lines. Light, tubular metal shafts, variations, are dressed up with particularly in recurring tripod gleaming crystal balls or brass spirals. Traditional designs show the influence of contemporary concepts. There are clean-cut interpretations of Victorian vases and Provincial roosters, and simplified versions of 18th Century urns and Empire motifs.

STUDIED

To combine imaginative styling with good lighting, designers have probed unusual sources of inspiration, ranging from modern mobile sculpture to an old French sun dial.

Wrought iron is used for lamps based on mobile sculpture—those wiry abstractions that move with air currents to stimulate imaginative interpretations. Although similar in shape, the lamps are stationary, and are therefore called "Stables." A typical example is fashioned from yellow and black wrought iron, punctuated with a red dot, and topped with a burlap-textured shade.

Lamps keep pace with every

facet of the home furnishings scene. A casual effect is stressed in open black iron forms, warmly finished fruitwood, and ceramics contrasting colorful "drip" glazes with dull, earth-toned backgrounds.

One collection of informal lamps, called the "Scientific Age," includes a sun dial that actually works when placed in a sunny picture window; apothecary scales that balance; an hour glass filled with sand, as well as telescopes. These are made of wood and metal and have shades depicting maps of the world or signs of the Zodiac.

UNUSUAL

Primitive art and native handicrafts, increasingly important in accessorizing today's homes, are well represented. Delving into the highly developed art forms achieved by the Mayan Indians of Central America, one manufacturer has introduced a group of sculptural pieces, including a sun god and a warrior head, intricately carved in the round and treated to look like stone that has just been dug out of archaeological ruins.

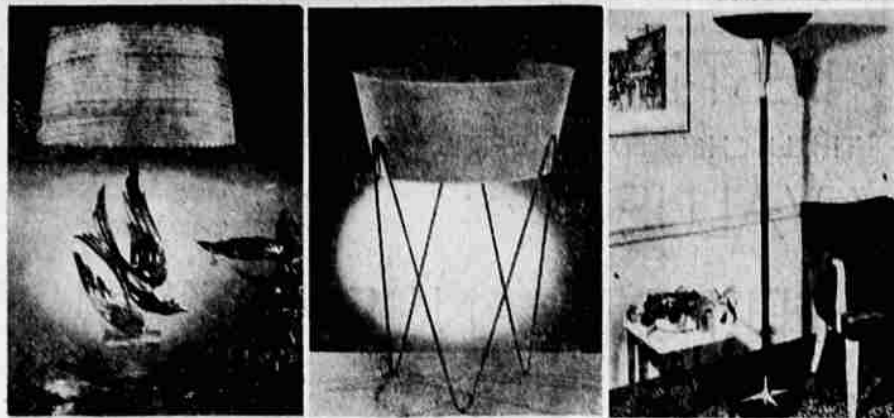
From Italy come ceramic bases, hand-crafted in simple, contemporary shapes, which reveal an intimate feeling for the material. Light, airy Scandinavian motifs, in sunny colors, are featured in both imported and domestic lamps made from ceramics and china.

Just as modern furniture has been lifted off the floor and adopted a "suspended" look, lamps are now raised from the table by open iron stands or tapered wooden legs. Even traditional vases, decorated in metallic gold and silver, are propped by iron supports that give them a light, floating appearance and make them appropriate for today's homes.

RETURNING

Because Empire furniture is enjoying a revival, many lamps are styled for rooms decorated in this period. Electrified table candelabra are shown in striking combinations of black and gold. An outstanding Empire floor lamp has a fluted black column, which culminates in a gold-wreathed crystal ball.

In height, floor lamps are scaled down, some as short as 52 inches, in proportion to lower ceilings and furniture settings. Table lamps average between 28 and 34 inches.



LAMPS TODAY ARE AS DIFFERENT from the lamps of 1951 as the bustle is from the silhouette of today. These three examples will add that modern touch that brings rooms out of the category "ordinary." (Left) a polished brass seagull is gracefully poised on a limed oak base. (Center) Open wire-form stand gracefully supports this new, modern table lamp. An egg-crate diffuser over the bulb permits light to flow upward. (Right) Star pattern in the glass shade creates a twinkling effect when this new black torchiere is lighted.

Electrical Cookery Easy Says Expert

Showing folks how to cook electrically is an old story to Grace Wells who travels 1500 miles a month to 70 communities to demonstrate the use of electricity in preparing the family meals.

Her territory covers the area from Crescent City on the West to Oederville on the East; Oakland, Oregon on the North to Dunsuir on the South. It takes eight weeks to reach all points on her itinerary.

Mrs. Wells, on March 1st will start her 25th year of work with the California-Oregon Power Company. She came to Klamath Falls back in 1912, married a Copco man, the late William Carleton Wells, was in the office at Chiloquin as accountant and saleswoman for eight years. For one year she served as cashier and floor girl in the Klamath Falls office, then assumed the responsibility of Home Service Director 15 years ago.

SHOWS HOW

Her work covers the entire area served by the company. She demonstrates the use of electric cookery to homemakers, salesmen, public cooking schools, stores, theaters, teachers. Four-H summer classes at Corvallis, junior and senior high school classes when called.

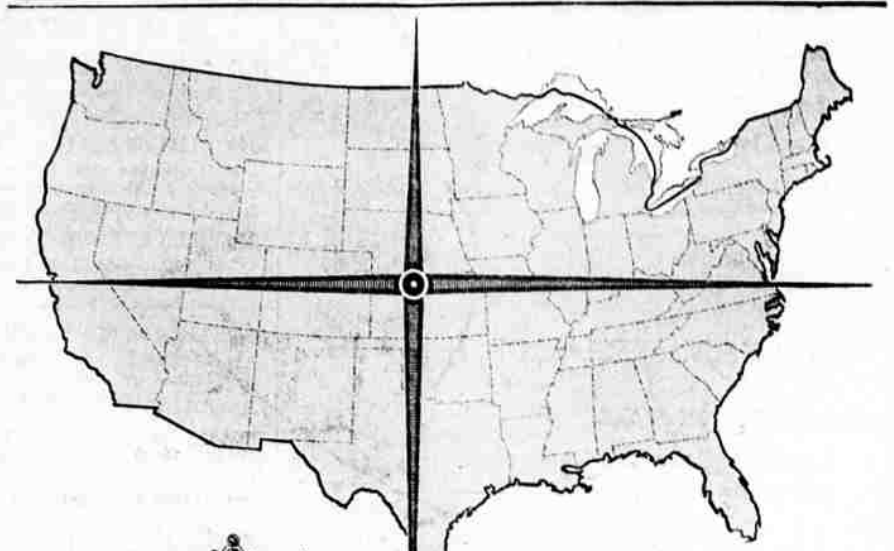
She carries her own cooking utensils and can provide her own recipe for just about everything from corn chowder to peppermint chip chiffon cake.

Leftover ham or tongue can be used in a casserole dish with spaghetti, rice, or macaroni, combined with a can of undiluted tomato soup, grated cheddar cheese and topped off with crumbled shredded wheat biscuit. Bake in the oven of your modern gas range at 350 degrees for 45 minutes. Good!

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