



Here are three different ways you can use a buffet. Each serves a particular purpose and each is individually beautiful. The open hutch arrangement (top) gives a more informal, Provincial theme to the setting. It is an ideal way to display your treasured heirloom china and old pewter. Arrangement without the hutch (center) is perfect for the dining room, living room, or hallway, which shows the flexibility of the design of this item of furniture. Hutch with grill work bottom creates a more formal mood and calls for a display of silver and fine china. To add an individual touch you can make curtains for behind the grill work. Use the same fabric you use for draperies, or pick up the fabric that covers your dining room chairs. Made of fruitwood, the finish is a warm mellow tone. Top drawer in the buffet is partitioned. (Dison-Powdermaker Furniture Co.)

Several Popular Furniture Styles Fit American Home

The most popular furniture styles are Modern, French, Provincial, 18th Century-Traditional and Early American. There are, however, several styles which fit perfectly into the American home, and are either such old standbys that you don't hear or read much about them, or they are new interpretations of old museum-like styles.

One of the old standbys is Chinese Modern, which is nothing more than a cleaned up version of authentic Chinese furniture. The natural straight lines of this style furniture adapt beautifully to Modern. It is Traditional furniture with a Modern finish and Modern hardware. Beautifully styled, Chinese Modern can be used effectively as the furnishing for an entire room, or use one or two pieces as accents to give new feeling to the decor of a room.

Next to a Modern sofa, try placing lamp tables of Chinese Modern finished in black lacquer. If you are looking for an eye-catching dramatic effect, use red lacquered tables. Steer clear of the Chinese Modern that is all gingerbread. Select rather the more simple pieces that accentuate the good, clean lines of this style.

Another style reintroduced to the American public recently is today's version of Queen Anne furniture. As in the original version, the same distinguishing features are present today — the cabriole leg, the undulating lines and the simplicity of ornamentation.

Today's interpretation of this style is even more void of ornamentation, but the elegance of line has been maintained. Shown in bedroom and dining room groupings, it creates a stately setting.

The finish is a mellow fruitwood color. Because the pieces in the grouping are created to look stately, this grouping will have to be used in the larger home or apartment, for the time being at least. You'll see more variations of this style, however.

Another style of furniture that has been around for some time but without great tribute, is the ranch type. Universally a favorite of the cowboy set, several manufacturers have recently created entire groupings based on ranch style designs. Every item in the grouping is a conversation piece, either because of the utility of the piece, or the unusual drawer pulls and other ornamentation.

One manufacturer uses rusty horse shoes as drawer pulls.

Woven Cane Used For Furniture

Woven cane is material that periodically goes a style revival. It is currently in the midst of one of those revivals.

You will see woven cane used for accent more often, and on more items of furniture. It creates the perfect textured look to accent the smooth wood surfaces of case pieces.

You will see it on the headboards of modern beds. Again the old and the new are combined to give you a decorative home.

Cane top is used for seat and chair backs. You will also see it combined with wrought iron, and used for chair or table tops. Woven cane is another material that is used for this purpose.

Another desk that has become popular for use in the dining room is the desk with the drop leaf extension.



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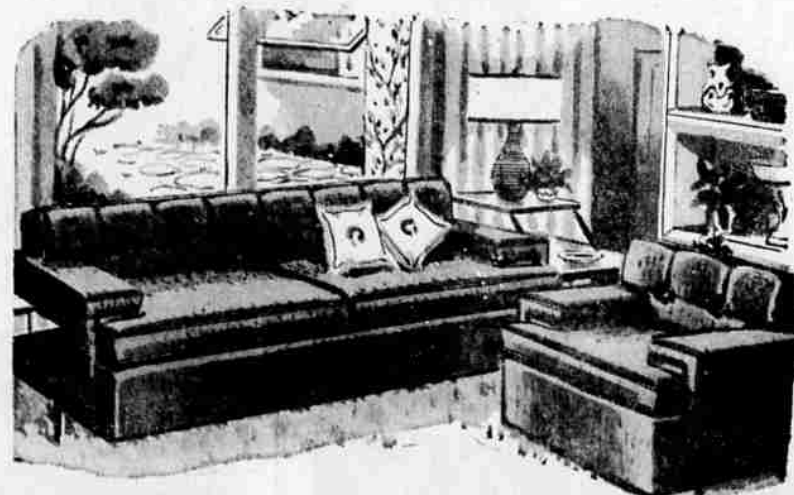
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