



BONDED LEATHER SOFA

Longhorn Chocolate sofa has top grain leather on the seat and Ultrablend (bonded leather) on the sides and backs (\$699) at Rothman Furniture Stores.



CONCRETE TABLE

The Mason concrete coffee table features clear bold Parsons shapes and clean, unadorned surfaces. Mixed into the concrete's fog-gray base is an aggregate blend. Over time, hairline cracks will appear (\$749) at Crate & Barrel.

FALL DECORATING TRENDS

Colors of the outdoors are finding their way inside.

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Indoors is taking on the distinct look of outdoors in this fall's home decorating trends.

Shades of green, rustic looks and elements of a farmers market will play a big role in your fall home decorating. It's like a retreat to the forest, capturing the mood and ambience of beautiful wood designs and garden floral patterns.

Neutral colors such as gray and light brown whisper comfort and create an inviting place.

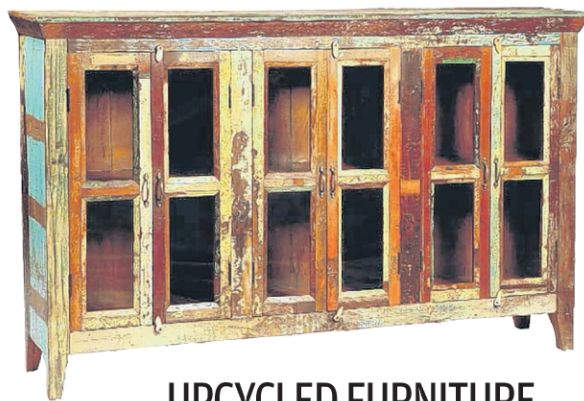
Pantone, the color guru, introduced Oyster Grey, Endive (a lettuce green), Woodbine (a masculine green), Coral, Lipstick Red and Purple Orchid for fall's home color trends.

Area retailers say that St. Louisans may take a more conservative approach and choose chocolate and dark beiges as their base colors, and look toward rich reds and deep plums as accents to bring brighter colors into the home.

"Consumers will also see a few carryovers from spring, including purple and lemongrass," says Frank Hasper, manager at Crate & Barrel in Richmond Heights. Lemongrass is expected to become a strong fall color, paired with accents of orange.

"Accent walls are the perfect way to infuse new life into your space, and there are more options now than ever before," says Kris Keller, president at The Design Source Ltd. in Ballwin. Keller has fallen in love with some of the latest wallcovering collections, from mother of pearl to slate to an array of textures. Homeowners can add a splash of color to a wall by choosing a warm gray-green, and for an accent, try a red-coral bronze or a mauve-rose.

The trendiest designs in the dining area are repurposing and upcycling furniture to create a new look with an old feel, and Phillips Furniture achieved this with its Nantucket sideboard, made from obsolete old Indian ship wood. "The trends show a great respect for family values and roots through ethnic vintage elements and colors that remind us of



UPCYCLED FURNITURE

Old Indian ship wood was reclaimed to re-create this functional and fashionable Nantucket sideboard (\$674) at Phillips Furniture, 10525 Manchester Road.



RUSTIC ACCESSORIES

Achieve a rustic look with this Root Wood tray (\$69.99) at Kohl's.



CURVY CHAIRS

Design Within Reach has reproduced several of Danish-born Verner Panton's pieces, including this swivel-based curvy System 1-2-3 dining chair (\$1,125) at dwr.com.



LARGE-SCALE PATTERNS

Bring garden colors into your home accessories with this Khary leaf pillow (\$29.99) at Kohl's.



MULTIFUNCTIONAL FURNITURE

The Atwood bedroom collection features a footboard that functions as a bench and a bookcase (\$2,399 for a queen-size bed and \$2,599 for a king-size bed) at Crate & Barrel, 1 The Boulevard in Richmond Heights.