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What came first: the interior or runway trend? It's the chicken and egg debate all over again as fashion lovers and décor fanatics scramble to figure out where inspiration struck first. While we're not putting our best scientists on this, it's clear that these two are linked.



DÉCOR FASHION MEETS INTERIOR DESIGN

Designers have showcased their pre-fall and fall collections and needless to say, we're heading for a dark and dramatic season. Elements like tapestry, feathers, lace and velvet have featured prominently on the runway and the good news is they can be used in your home.

Lace

Lace has been an autumn trend for years and this year is no exception. The material screams romance and is often associated with weddings.

The first thing that probably pops into your mind are doily patterns that adorn a coffee table. Is there a way to include lace into your home without making

your room feel a bit 'old school'? Of course. Picture the walls of a room for a second. Now imagine what it would look like with pretty lace patterns. It's beautiful right? Lace stencils on a wall exhibit romance the same way that lace clothing does – it adds extra elegance to a room. Lace has a very romantic and soft look and would work well for someone looking to avoid the crazy patterns of tapestry or the boldness of feathers.

Velvet

A quick Google search confirmed it: velvet is everywhere. From boots, bags and dresses, it's evident that designers have taken advantage of its warm textile and soft texture. The good news is that velvet can be worked into your home as well. The first, and probably obvious option is your curtaining. Granted it is quite a heavy material but if you're

searching for a dark and dramatic mood, then this works well. Be careful of stacking too much velvet in a room – it could come across as an 'evil lair' or hinder natural light. One velvet item in a room should do the trick, so practice restraint here. Think along the lines of a single velvet sofa or a single soft velvet pillow.

The same logic applies to the bedroom. While you're seeking comfort – and let's face it, velvet screams comfort – it's important to use one item to avoid overwhelming the room. Use a single velvet cushion on the bed or a velvet headboard to add a warm texture to the room. ♡

STYLE DÉCOR INSPIRATION



Feathers

The Coachella music festival, held annually in California, is where you're likely to witness the feather trend in all its glory. From headdresses to feather-inspired jewellery, it's the go-to style for festival goers. On the runway, Proenza Schouler and Marchesa have incorporated feathers into their collection, and needless to say, it oozes glamour. However, when you think of feather-inspired décor, we immediately think of the dreamcatcher that was gifted to us as teenagers. Moving this trend into your home is relatively simple. The idea is to not use the feathers as part of the décor. While feather rugs are glamorous, it can be impractical, especially if you have kids. Use feather-patterned décor instead. This way, you're still on trend and will avoid feathers around the house.

Tapestry

If you're a fan of William Shakespeare's Hamlet and Edmund Spenser's The Faerie Queen, then you can thank the wonderful weavings of tapestry. Legend has it that these writers were inspired by tapestries that hung on the walls. Its influence today is still prevalent as fashion houses Balmain and Valentino have used the embroidery in their collections. The trend of intricate embroidery and colourful patterns can translate seamlessly into your home, especially if your walls are painted white or grey. Use the basic function of a woven tapestry and hang them on a wall or work the pattern into your flooring with a rug. The possibilities are endless as designers have incorporated the trend into bedding, sofas and light fixtures.

Even if you're not into the hype of runway shows, use autumn fashion as inspiration to make your home comfortable and trendy.

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