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## *Decorating Trends for 2007*

Elegant and simple are two of the key words that can describe decorating trends for the coming year. Comfort will top the list as we all continue to enjoy relaxing at home, sharing meals in an informal setting.

Through their many years in the business, real estate agents Phil Moore and Doris Gee of Re/Max have seen many decorating trends come and go. They recognize the value a seller can add to their home by staying current. "A home with up-to-date decorating demonstrates its owners cared for it throughout their time there - that always shows well," says Doris.

For 2007, colour palettes are moving towards neutral, natural hues. Paint choices will focus on softer, more subtle tones. The new colours will show up in other places, too: furniture, accessories and even lighting fixtures. Natural materials will also be featured: accents made from bamboo and textiles. Even the names of the colours evoke warmth: 'camel' and 'mocha'.

Wood continues to play a key role, both in floors and in furniture. Darker finishes are popular, in mahogany, walnut and cherry, with the grain of the wood featured. Selections are smaller in scale and furniture pieces have hardware inspired by jewellery. Leather continues to hold its strong position as an upholstery fabric.

Metallic finishes are very popular. A new 'faux finish' has even been developed that will give your old refrigerator that brushed metallic look.

Glamour is introduced through fabrics, featuring brocades, silks and velvet in curtains, upholstery and accessories. The mix of raw textures with smooth silks is providing sleek contrasts that are very popular, making a strong statement. The richness of fur is also a luxurious addition.

For those keen to welcome the New Year with the very latest trends, today's consumers are choosing stylish, aesthetically pleasing pieces that are also practical for every day use. Adding texture and warmth will make you feel great, which is always in style!

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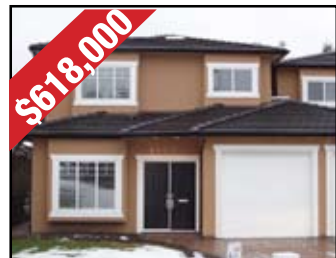
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