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# CLOSET TO CUSTOM: FABRICS & FURNITURE

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There are three kinds of people in the world of design and fashion: those who are bold and willing to take risks, those who are reserved and like to keep it neutral, and those who just do not care.



In today's world of fashion and design trends, anything goes. My job as a design expert is to depict an illusion of distressed fabrics (or perhaps neatly pressed), savory colours, bold patterns and exquisite textures.

As I embark on an adventure of furniture designing and fabrics to pair with each unique piece, I turn to my clients for inspiration. I visit their private dressing rooms to see what fabrics and patterns drape their closets and inspire their look when they get ready every day. The classics that we have all heard of: Versace, Fendi, Armani and Missoni, are a few of the big names that transpire from a look of fashion to home décor.

## FROM THE RACK TO YOUR HOME

Most designers like to keep things flowing, but my goal is to make the eye stop for a moment and think about what it is

seeing before continuing to wander. This creates flow and curiosity within a space. When it comes to choosing fabrics, I take inspiration from some of Toronto's top fashion gurus. One fashion expert is Alexzandra Giordano, Lifestyle Fashionist and Director of AVGstyle.com. Her style is one that expresses a mixture of direction, elegance, and an eclectic nature. These are all characteristics that can translate into your home.

## FABRICS THAT TALK

There are many aspects that need to be considered when making a choice in fabric, such as: the quality, colour, patterns, texture, and price. You have to keep in mind the use for the fabric. Many fabrics can be used for upholstery, but not necessarily for drapery. You can also transform furniture by merely adding in a patterned fabric. Take the elegant and bold frame of a Versailles domed





chair. It will speak volumes in the entrance of a home. Add in the bold and vibrant pattern of Missoni and you have just mastered the look of a very traditional, yet contemporary vibe for your space.

#### FENDI TO TRENDY

With its innovation and customary craftsmanship, you are sure to have a timeless look with the richness found in Fendi fabrics. The fabrics are defined by fur and precious skins, —a look that can be coupled with clean lines and a modern design to give the space a sense of sophistication.

#### GOLD... SAY NO MORE

The look of gold does not have to appear gaudy. Gold can be given a sense of flare by using it to accent custom furniture pieces. Try pairing gold with a Versace inspired pattern: a rich, high gloss wooden backed chair finished in indigo blue velvet and stitched in gold. This is a bold look that gives your home a sense of uniqueness.

Choosing your fabrics does not have to be the starting point when putting together a custom sofa or a timeless lounge chair, but it is a huge investment that should be thought out wisely. Custom furnishings stem from quality, and with that comes durability in fabrics and precision and, precision in furniture detailing.

The next time you look in your closet, do not lose sight of that floral patterned top that you wore twenty years ago, —it may just be the fabric of choice for your next sofa.