



# In Touch

## Color Trend – Harvest Browns

These mid-tone browns are the cashmere of color – soft, warm, and luxurious. Brown is a staple in an interior. This color is far from boring as some people think, this dramatic neutral suits almost any color and any room – just keep these tips from Nadia Geller in mind. 1. In a deep brown room be sure to have lots of natural light as well as light from lamps, she suggests at least three in each room. 2. Look at sofas to bring brown into your room, a chocolate brown sofa is a favorite; you can put any color throw pillow on it. If you have a brown sofa, keep the walls lighter and anchor the space with a textural rug. Brown goes well with a lot of accent colors but some favorites for mid-tone to dark walls are hot pink, red and teal. 3. To keep brown looking current, mix in a lot of glossy finishes, chrome tile and glass, to keep it modern and from looking too rustic. Harvest browns and white are a no-fail pairing. The high contrast will look brilliant every time. 4. Here are some brown tones to try around the house – try a **café au lait** color with a white trim to keep the look clean, pair **sapling** with rich hues like merlot and ebony, or **ripe pear** with hints of crisp peacock or bright berry. Use **sparrow** in a formal dining room with ivory wainscoting or for an intimate feel try **walnut** on the walls in a small room. These looks are sure to spruce up any room.

## Green Tips; Reuse with Re-upholstery

Did you know we do quite a bit of re-upholstering? If you have a piece that has seen better days on the outside but has quality bones, it may be worth recovering. If you are unsure of its value, bring it in and we can evaluate it for you. Older pieces are typically better candidates than newer unless you've paid top dollar. Re-upholstery can save you \$\$ over buying new but you basically get a new piece.

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### Hello Friends!

This issue of In Touch is sent to you courtesy of Mark & Lana, owners of Newport Furnishings. It is full of helpful hints & tips intended to make your life easier. Please feel free to pass this newsletter on to friends and neighbors. Enjoy it!



## Vintage Charm – The Leather Club Chair

The club chair – extra-roomy with its deep seat, low back, and slightly curved front – has resurfaced as a household favorite. Classically covered in leather, the chair’s original club design dates back to the 19<sup>th</sup> century. The popularity of the chair surged in the 1920’s, when French Art Deco designers created variations on the basic theme. Why leather for club chairs? For starters, the material pairs

well with the chair’s sleek design. But additional reasons abound for choosing leather for this and other upholstered furniture. Durability is one benefit – leather will not tear easily. Furniture experts rate it as 4 to 7 times more wearable than fabric upholstery and today it is treated so that it won’t crack or peel. Leather also ages well, increasing in character, beauty, and suppleness as the years go by.

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*“As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them” John Fitzgerald Kennedy*

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### Need an extra \$5000???

NHFA (National Home Furnishing Association) has just kicked off its new website which is loaded with relevant content for the interior design minded, savvy shopper. There is a room planner, shopping guides and just loads of great information. And, new stuff is being added daily.

**We really recommend** you go to [homefurnishings.com](http://homefurnishings.com) and take a look. You’ll definitely want to **sign up for the \$5,000 drawing!** That’s right; \$5,000 of furniture will be given away courtesy of NHFA!

And while you’re looking around the site, type in your zip code in the top right corner to see your local **Certified Home Furnishings Retailers**. Click on **Newport’s logo** to go to our microsite and then click on the “Set as Preferred Retailer” link to set Newport Furnishings as your preferred local home furnishings store. *Unless you don’t want to.* But why am I sending you this newsletter then?

## Holiday Table Setting Ideas

Here are a few ideas for setting a holiday themed table:

1. Make or purchase a holiday themed centerpiece – a traditional cornucopia or an autumn floral arrangement works well. Scatter fall leaves and nuts around your centerpiece.
2. Use autumn colored candles set in rustic or wooden candleholders to decorate the table or use as a centerpiece.
3. Use a large, hollowed out pumpkin instead of a vase to display a fall floral centerpiece. Scatter sprigs of wheat, clusters of berries or nuts and autumn leaves around the base of the pumpkin.
4. Set your table with a table runner, tablecloth, placemats and napkins done in autumn-themed prints and coordinating solids. Use prints sparingly to avoid a “busy” look and to keep attention focused on your centerpiece.
5. Use napkin rings that reflect the season as well. Hand paint leaves onto wooden napkin rings to give them an autumn feel.
6. Use your good china or dishes done in autumn motifs or colors that coordinate with the other colors and elements already on the table.
7. Use clean autumn leaves as place cards. Rinse leaves and pat dry. Write each guests name on a leaf with a black or gold felt-tip pen. Place one leaf in the center of each plate.



## Furniture Facts

This is what **8-Way Hand-Tied Construction** looks like and it is considered the top of the line manufacturing technique for upholstered chairs and sofas.

1. **Joints** – Secure mortise and tenon construction with corner blocks fastened and glued for added strength.
2. **Seat Structure** – Premium quality 8-way hand-tied coil system using tempered steel coil springs tied at eight points for comfort and proper seat support.
3. **Steel bands** under each row of springs guarantee lasting comfort.
4. Form-fitted **corner blocks** are securely fastened to provide lasting strength.
5. **Arms** – inside arm is padded for comfort, lending authenticity and style.
6. **Back Pillows** – deeply cushioned back lends extra comfort. The channeled design provides shape retention.
7. **Seat Cushions** – Ticking that encases a special foam cushion wrapped with Dacron or down for comfort and resiliency.
8. **Seat Decks** – High quality 100% cotton sateen decking.
9. **Padding** – Densified batting covers all springs under sateen.
10. **Seat Edges** – Roll forms around edges for a soft shape.
11. **Backs** – Reinforced with sinuous springs to lend proper support and shape to backs.
12. **Frames** – Select laminate hardwoods prevent warping and provide years of service.

## Autism

Don't throw away the **Sale Insert** from this newsletter! It announces our first ever **Floor Stock Clearance Sale** beginning Friday November 13<sup>th</sup> for our **VIP Clients** (that's you!). 10% of the proceeds from the sale will be donated to the "**Hope Comes Alive**" campaign to build an autism center at UNM. So come get a great deal while helping a great cause!



## What's Up With Otis?

Keep yourselves and families healthy with these at home remedies from Otis:

**Sore Throats** – gargle every two hours with a glass of hot water mixed with a tablespoon or so each of **honey and vinegar**. Vinegar works as an astringent to clear secretions and restore pH balance and the honey is an anti-inflammatory.

**Upset Stomach** – Alternate **chamomile and peppermint tea** and sip them interchangeably about every hour until you feel better. The active ingredient in chamomile relaxes stomach muscles and relieves cramping, while the menthol in peppermint has pain-killing properties and promotes relaxation.

**Nasal Congestion** – In a bowl, juice one clove of **garlic** with a press, add a half teaspoon of **honey**, and squeeze out the inside of one **Aloe Vera** leaf. Soak two cotton balls in the mixture and insert them loosely into each nostril for about five minutes. The garlic has anti-bacterial properties as does honey and the aloe moisturizes sore nasal tissue. **I dare anyone to try this remedy!**

We hope these at-home remedies help!!

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### From the desk of **Lana Pozen:**



Can you believe the holidays are once again upon us?! With all the upcoming festivities, it's a great time to do a little "sprucing up" around the house without breaking the bank! For example, take one wall in a main living area and paint it a vibrant color! Not much cost and totally reversible!! Exchange out those old throw pillows on the sofa with a new captivating pattern using different shapes, sizes and color, color, color!!! Bring in a new area rug introducing some rich colors to warm things up during the cold months. Or simply just rearrange your accessories. It's amazing what impact these little changes can have! Feel free to consult with us for some ideas. Just bring us a picture of your room! And don't forget to live it up this holiday season! All the best to you and yours!

### Veteran's Day

Say thanks and **salute a soldier this Veteran's Day**, November 11<sup>th</sup>. Send holiday cards and messages of cheer to service members through the **Holiday Mail for Heroes** program, a partnership between the American Red Cross and Pitney Bowes. The 3<sup>rd</sup> annual drive kicks off on Veteran's Day and goes through December 7<sup>th</sup>. Information for 2009 is available in early November at [redcross.org](http://redcross.org). **Support the troops** and be thankful you live in this great country!!

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**O Lord that lends me life,  
Lend me a heart replete with thankfulness.  
~William Shakespeare**