



BESPOKE WINDOW TREATMENTS & SOFT FURNISHINGS

## **Amazing Fabric!**

You've had that extension built, or been renovating that house, the dust is finally settling, albeit slowly, and you can now turn to think about the nice things that turn that house into your home. The decoration and the curtains and the soft furnishings! One of the favourite parts of my job is to visit a new client with all my fabric sample books and 'play'! Looking at all the fabrics, holding up different colours and chatting about styles of curtains, to come up with the design that suits you and your home best.

One of the many aspects to think about is the fabric itself. Fabric comes in an infinite variety of colours, textures and patterns and can speak volumes. And it doesn't have to be expensive to say the right thing! A simple printed cotton has as much to say as a luxurious embroidered silk and linen. Your fabric can define a room by its presence. It has an effect on the sound of the room as well as the light. A soft voile will give a soft, fresh airy feel and is ideal for a garden room, or breakfast room. A warm coloured chenille will lend a cosy warm atmosphere to a living room, whilst a bright printed cotton makes a family room a fun lively place to be!

The fabric used for your curtains and soft furnishings can be used to enhance or disguise other features in your room. A neutral fabric at the window could provide a backdrop to your focal point of a new fireplace or a special picture. Whereas, fabrics with strong colours and/or patterns will take your eye away from that rather nasty view. Vertical patterns or stripes will make your ceiling seem higher, and horizontal patterns will widen a narrow area.

A quick top tip ~ when decorating and replacing curtains, try to get a sense of how you want the room to feel, not just how you want it to look! The atmosphere of a room makes all the difference when you are using that room and your fabric is one of the key elements of that atmosphere.

So don't be afraid of it. Go for the fabric you love rather than play safe, whatever that may be, because you will keep and enjoy those curtains longer and get much more use out of them!

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