

# Insider TRADING

As 2010 gets underway, *Belle* brings together eight interior design experts to reveal the trends, colours and themes for the coming year. The mood boards they've created set the tone for the decor and looks making their mark over the next 12 months. Use them for inspiration to create a space that's completely of the moment.

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## DECORATING INSIDER

### WHIMSICAL

## Scott Weston

**INSPIRATION** I love the intangible mood of the 1948 Cecil Beaton photograph that I've used for my inspiration. Charles James was a couturier's couturier who championed the 'New Look' of that era, while Beaton was an arbiter of mid-20th century style and taste. The combination of them working together produced an extraordinary and iconic image. It was a time when the shackles of modernism were slowly lifting and the focus was moving towards whimsy and theatricality. Designers started to bring fun and colour into all aspects of design and daily life.

**PERSONAL STYLE** I embrace colour in all its glorious shades, and I can't help but be influenced from past designs and draw reference to them. This allows me to experiment with periods, styles, colours, materials and finishes, delivering them with a modern, quirky twist. Also important is the integration of decorative embellishment into the built form rather than applying it as, say, soft furnishings or the odd coloured feature wall. My style straddles the great divide between functionality and decorative embellishment.

1 Photograph of Charles James silk gowns by Cecil Beaton for *Vogue*, June 1948. 2 Zoffany 'Manchu' wallpaper, from Domestic Textile Corporation. 3 Domain Textiles 'Izi' silk, from Garner Agencies. 4 Gastón y Daniela 'Uruguay' polyester fabric, from Brunschwig & Fils. 5 Foscarini 'Allegro Vivace' pendant light, \$3945, from Space. 6 'Peat 484', 'Eggplant 483' and 'Cyclamen 386' laminates, from Laminex. 7 Kenzo 'Akiko' porcelain plates, designer's own. 8 'Environ' veneer in Birdseye Golden Tuscany, from New Age Veneers. 9 Gold leaf finish, from Art Gilding. 10 Porcelain teacup and saucer, designer's own. 11 'AR61' plaster ceiling centre, \$54.95, from All Plasta Products. 12 Hilary had made a complete ass of herself again by Penny Byrne, 2004, from Sullivan + Strumpf Fine Art. 13 'Environ' veneer in Classic Walnut, from New Age Veneers. 14 Sawaya & Moroni 'Roxanne' bar cabinet, from Hub. 15 Sawaya & Moroni 'Eloïse' chairs, from \$6600, from Hub. 16 'AEM2' resin embellishment, \$50.05, from All Plasta Products. 17 Tascot 'Wellington' carpet in Ruby, from Premier Carpets.