



## What to Keep in Mind When Choosing Fabrics and Textures

For interior inspiration, homeowners and designers often look to the latest trends when choosing fabrics and textures. They want insights into creating a “feel” for a room, using complementary and contrasting design components, and ensuring a flow from one area to the next.

### Incorporating Texture in Your Décor

Excellence in interior décor and luxury living begins with texture and fabrics. Texture refers to the surface quality or feel of an object. It can be real or simulated, and is used to bring balance to a particular colour palette, or to highlight certain areas of a room. Texture can add nuance and subtle accents to a rather neutral and muted colour scheme. If you want a room to feel a certain way, different textures can help you convey that sensibility. Course textures tend to reflect less light, ground furniture and give them more weight giving an overall warmer feel to your room. On the other hand, with smooth or shiny textures, rooms tend to feel cooler from the enhanced light reflection and the modern look of the furniture or accessories.

### The Use of Fabrics in Home Design

Fabrics include specific choices for interior design elements such as furniture or window treatments. Fabric can also be real or synthetic, and comes in a wide variety of patterns and colours to create eye-popping scenarios or establish a sense of serenity. Including different fabrics can help pull focus on certain areas in a room. Incorporating a variant of fabrics can come into play when choosing rugs, carpets, curtains and with the furniture you incorporate. Carpets and rugs offer many design benefits. For starters, they reflect less light than a wooden floor helping to create a warm and cozy atmosphere.

## **This Season's Trendy Fabrics**

Beauty is one thing, but this season's trendy fabrics are also highly functional. For window shades, fabrics deliver a beautiful appearance while standing up to the sun, reducing glare, and even supporting energy efficiency needs. [Silhouette® ClearView™ Shadings from Hunter Douglas](#) include fabric choices that provide a clearer view to the outside, while affording UV protection and subtle light diffusion. Their [Duette Architella® Shades](#) feature a honeycomb within a honeycomb for maximum energy efficiency, and come in exciting fabric choices such as India Silk and Batiste Bamboo.

## **Fabrics That Never Go Out of Style**

To make a beautiful living space, some designers may choose to stick to classic fabrics, perhaps with a modern twist, especially when it comes to shades and blinds. The [Hunter Douglas Vignette® Modern Roman Shades](#) have uniform, contoured or flat-fabric folds, and no exposed rear cords, and are now available with their [Duolite dual-opacity option](#) for soft, natural light or soothing darkness. The new sheer fabric, [Leela](#), comes in six subtle colours.

## **Window Trends for Different Rooms and Homes**

At the end of the day, window trends are only good if they truly reflect the nature of the home and the personality of the owner. While one might prefer the timeless appeal and traditional styling of [Pirouette® Window Shadings](#), others may lean towards the unparalleled darkness of the [Duette® LightLock™ system](#) for watching sports in a blackout media room.

More information on choosing fabrics and textures to create harmony in your décor can be found at [www.hunterdouglas.ca](http://www.hunterdouglas.ca).