

Reclaiming the Simple Life.

Spring 2010 signals a renewed interest in all things past — when life was simpler and where home was a place of ease and comfort. Therefore it comes as no surprise that today's decorating trends are focused on rediscovering and preserving objects and furnishings that help us create our own take on the simple life.

Vintage floral patterns continue to bloom in updated tones of mossy green, warm tangerine, teal blue and pale yellow. At **Urban Barn**, the Braidy Floral cushion is a good example of a modern play on a retro pattern. Look at window coverings in a new light at **Hunter Douglas Gallery by Sun Shades Window Fashions** where a myriad of floral prints, colours and textures are the perfect finishing touch.

Sturdy, functional and multi-functional furnishings, crafted from reclaimed woods with raw finishes, epitomize the true meaning of simplicity. Shop **Stacaro European Living** for their vintage-inspired Chablis TV unit, constructed from reclaimed elm. It's equally at home in the family room as it is as a hutch in your kitchen or dining space. And remember, freshening up a room doesn't always mean spending lots of money. Breathe life into wood pieces by stripping off old varnish and keeping its raw finish. For an easy and quick retro fix, turn your favourite fabrics into cushion covers. It really can be that simple.

Visit these great stores, and more, at **The Village at Vaughan Mills** and **Satisfy Your Sense of Style**.



- Paola Taffo, Home Décor Expert



The perfect blend of seemingly old and new! Today's high tech flatscreen TVs look perfectly at home with a rustic, vintage-inspired cabinet crafted from reclaimed elm. Chablis TV Unit, \$1190. **STACARO EUROPEAN LIVING**



tip:
 this TV cabinet can also double as a great hutch in the kitchen

What better way to frame the new season than with a classic fabric blind that allows you to control incoming light? This also comes in a wide selection of different patterns that best match your décor. White Pirouette Window Shades. Ask in-store for prices. **HUNTER DOUGLAS GALLERY BY SUN SHADES WINDOW FASHIONS**



Top up couches and armchairs with cushions covered in vintage patterns. Cushions, \$28-\$39. **URBAN BARN**



trend:
 this muted green is not only retro but it instantly says 'spring'



Create a natural focal point with the 6-light Chiny Chandelier, \$1090. **STACARO EUROPEAN LIVING**