

Eco-Window Coverings can be Stylish, too!

Eco-Luxe Design is not a trend – It's a Paradigm Shift

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Traditionally, the outcome of any successful design project is to create two outcomes: functional and aesthetically pleasing interiors spaces – whether they are for homeowners or office dwellers. After identifying what the design requirements are, customized concepts are recommended and can include products that are environmentally-friendly. Nowadays, a third vital component must be added to well-rounded design projects: environmentally-friendly, or eco-designed products and finishes.

What does eco-luxe design mean? There is no universal definition applied across all industries, but NIKKA DESIGN interprets it as “a design product that was made using sustainable manufacturing practices and also promotes a new way of thinking about what makes this product luxurious – all without sacrificing style.” And as a result, these sustainable products help to improve your I.A.Q., or indoor air quality since we spend about 90% of our time indoors.

In the last two years in particular, there has been a surge in the availability and range of fabrics and other options for eco-window coverings. However, it can still be a challenge for the average consumer to locate these alternatives. Working with a professional decorator at NIKKA DESIGN who has access to these still hard-to-find sustainable materials can create custom eco-window covering solutions.

Here are four tips on incorporating eco-friendly window coverings into your interior space:

- Window film
 - >reduces damaging Ultraviolet Light (UV) rays and reduces sun warmth penetration. It maintains natural light while reducing high levels of heat. It can provide up to 99% blockage of UV and also helps protect furnishings from fading.
- Closing curtains or blinds
 - >can help to reduce heat in the warm months and to contain the warmth in the cold months. It'll help to reduce dependency on air conditioning and on heating and has increased benefits when windows and doors are properly caulked and windows are energy efficient models.
- Sustainable materials
 - >Whether the window coverings is for a house or an office, there's a wider range of materials available such as recycled and organic fibres: reeds and woven grasses for roman shades and window panels and organic coloured cottons, linens, recycled materials and bamboo for curtains, to name a few.

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