

Decorator's Notebook

Decorators Should Keep Window Options Open

(NAPS)—One of the hottest decorating trends in window coverings today is the wood shutter. From warm, country looks to cool, plantation styles, shutters can offer timeless, refined options for window decor.

In addition to adding beauty to homes, shutters can also help increase the privacy level and light control of a room.

Despite enjoying their look and function, however, many people shy away from shutters because they are often expensive and can be difficult to attach to windows.

A practical and easy-to-install alternative may be wide-slat wood blinds. These blinds can add the same style and class to a room as shutters at a fraction of the cost.

One company makes quality wood blinds with beveled slats that are over half an inch wider than most other brands. When closed, the extra-wide slats block out more light than many other window coverings. When opened, the slats (which have 35 percent more space between them than average blinds) let plenty of sun shine in.

Created by Hunter Douglas as part of their Country Woods® Col-



Wide-slat wood blinds can give a room the ambiance of shutters and the convenience of a blind.

lection, the Reflections™ slats are custom-crafted from Grade A hardwoods and measure 48 percent thicker than traditional blinds. This helps to prevent bowing and warping as the product ages.

The blinds are offered in 14 designer colors, as well as an unlimited amount of custom colors. In addition, they come with matching headrails and bottom rails.

For more information, call 1-800-937-STYLE (1-800-937-7895) or visit www.hunterdouglas.com.