

# Decorating Trends

## Home Design Tips To Light Up Your Life

(NAPSA)—Today's homes have greater personal significance than ever before. They've become a place of refuge, a gathering place for family and friends and a drawing board to express one's personal sense of style. This trend has had a strong influence on today's home designs—particularly with regard to windows and doors. Marvin Windows and Doors, the nation's leading manufacturer of made-to-order windows and doors, offers homeowners the following design tips.

- It's all in the details. Even the smallest detail can have the biggest influence. Marvin's new Clad Arch Top French Door, with its signature grand arch, is an example of a subtle, but powerful design influence. Though just a slight variation of the traditional, rectangular-shaped French Door, the addition of the Arch Top yields drama and interest.

- Breaking down the indoor/outdoor dichotomy. Living space doesn't have to be limited to the indoors. Add an elegant set of French doors to expand interior spaces to the great outdoors. Open up a kitchen, family room or den to an outdoor patio or backyard to add depth and create a sense of open space.

- Achieving the goal of low maintenance—without sacrificing beauty. Low maintenance products, such as Marvin's clad wood windows and doors, leave more



time for the activities that homeowner's enjoy. Available on today's most popular window and door styles, Marvin's cladding is made out of a heavy-duty extruded aluminum with a commercial-grade finish that resists chipping, chalking and fading. Profiled to mirror the look of wood, Marvin's cladding is available in five standard, five select and a virtually unlimited number of custom colors for design flexibility. All Marvin windows and doors feature finely-crafted wood interiors that can be painted or stained to match the interior décor.

- Letting the sunlight flow. Virtual walls of windows filled with oversized Marvin Round Tops, casemasters—stacked one on top of another—or double hungs, paired side by side, help drench a room in warm sunlight, and enhance the feeling of spaciousness.

For more design ideas incorporating windows and doors, please contact Marvin Windows and Doors at (888) 537-8266 or visit [www.marvin.com](http://www.marvin.com).