

Decorator's Notebook

“Show House Secrets”

(NAPSA)—Each spring, decorator show houses welcome visitors to view the latest in room settings by leading decorators. But, sometimes the best ideas spring more from ingenuity than investment. A little paint and fabric can make a big difference, especially when combined with the type of tricks only the pros know.



To help add that show house size, the makers of VELCRO® brand fasteners, long one of the best-kept decorator secrets, teamed up with “My Faux Chateau™” mastermind, Debbi Karpowicz Kickham, on a brochure offering decorating tips like these that use more dash than cash.

- Add custom “skirts” to transform flea market finds and create hidden storage. Shown above, fabric panels attached with VELCRO® brand Half and Half™ tape give a file cabinet new life as an elegant night stand.

- Apply stencils to walls, floors and cabinets for a designer look.

- Glamorize lamps by adding trims such as silk cord and braid to plain shades.

- For no-sew window treatments, drape fabric panels over rods so they cascade down one side.

These and other tips can be found in Kickham’s “Show House Secrets” brochure. For a free copy, write to Velcro USA Inc., P.O. Box 674, Riverton, NJ 08077-0674.