Rosewood Makes Great Appearance in Furniture

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In Europe, rosewood was used in veneers and also in ornamental inlays. In the 19th century, when the supply was plentiful, the solid wood was used extensively for furniture in Europe and America. Today because of both supply and cost, rosewood is used in a veneer rather than solid, without application of varnish. The surface is rubbed occasionally with oil and this has the wonderful texture of wood.

There are on the market today some wonderful desks, coffee tables and drum tables that are large and have an attractive sense of bulk. However, they are constructed of hollow core and are light, making them easy to move for cleaning or rearranging of furniture.

Rosewood today makes a great appearance in contemporary furnishings. The wood seems to lend itself to the smooth surfaces devoid of traditional ornamentation. Also, rosewood is easy to care for.

When shopping for new furniture for your home, why not be romanced by rosewood? There are sofas with oak sides and backs and club chairs that swivel on rosewood covered platforms as well as drum rosewood coffee and end tables. There are many rosewood lamps, accessories and even room dividers that can enhance the beauty of your home.

Contrary to popular belief, rosewood isn’t always rose colored. It ranges from pale pinkish beige through rich chocolate brown to orange, violet and purple. It is not named for its color but for its rose-like fragrance when cut.

Dear Family Decorator:

“We have just moved into an apartment. Carpentry in the bedroom is grass green and walls are white. I have a beautiful bedroom with a dark turquoise design on a jade green background. Can you analyze the decor in my bedroom based on the natural light and the colors used?”

Dear Family Decorator:

“We will be moving into a new home in the spring. Our furniture is early American and we have early American accessories. One chair is covered in a rose, blue, gold, brown, and beige floral printed fabric. Sofa and matching chair are gold. I am thinking about reupholstering the sofa and chair to coordinate with the print. What color should we use for them, the walls, carpeting and draperies?”

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