

NATURALLY TUSCAN

This centuries-old design sense never goes out of style

An evolving design ethic is what keeps Tuscan style fresh. "The shapes are constantly in motion," says Suzanne Evans, co-owner (with husband Greg) of Tuscan Hills, a company that imports home furnishings from family-run businesses in Italy. "The elements are organic. Pewter, woods, iron, colorful ceramics, and textiles like linen and heavy cotton have a traditional look, but craftsmen are taking an old art and using it to create something modern," she says. Here are some artful examples. See these and more at tuscanhills.com or call 609-921-9015.

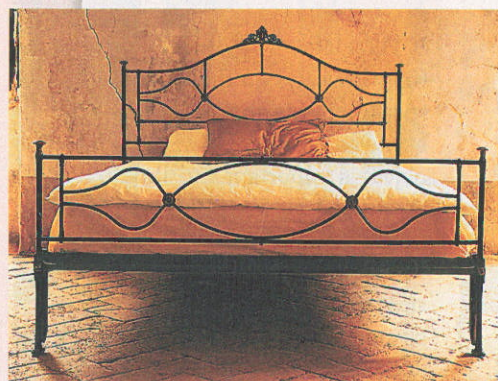


AN AFFAIR TO REMEMBER This tablecloth, made from Donna di Coppe fabric with added fringe, adds instant elegance to a sunroom or patio setting. Busatti, the manufacturer, also does custom work.

A NEW TWIST
By Caporali, this hand-forged Pruno Wall Hook blends old- and new-world details with space-saving convenience.



DELICIOUS DISHES
U. Grazia's hand-painted Deruta ceramics make one-of-a-kind serving pieces that add color to the table.



SERENE SLUMBER
Restrained yet ornate, the Fregio bed from Caporali is a great example of fresh design melding with a time-honored technique.



DAYDREAMER'S DELIGHT
Add drama and dazzle with the Divano Ampolla from Caporali's outdoor collection.