

Terrie's Tips – April 2009

Have loved some new decorating trends found during recent visits to markets in Atlanta and Dallas. A favorite vendor, [Aidan Gray](#), features lots of gray and slate blue on their fabulous collection of shabby, heavily patinated French warehouse inspired furniture and accessories. The feel is serene, understated, and monochromatic with lots of wire, peeling paint and an emphasis on collections and layering. We were so impressed we are now featuring Aidan Gray pieces in our front window display. Their [Aidan Gray](#) web site is an intimate peek inside a private home.

Also love, love, love [Global Views](#), a company featuring a contemporary spin on traditional shapes. The art glass pieces are the most beautiful I've seen outside a museum, lots of folded glass, swirled color and translucency. Shoestring's best selling lamp line comes from [Gallery Designs](#). This season's collection features bronze metals, appliquéd lampshades and fossilized stone. Most customers buy lamps that are too small for the scale of the room, remember bigger is better. Lamps are a great place to go trendy. It updates the look of the room and can easily be modified with a new shade. We generally place 3 lamps in every room. You should never have to turn on overhead lighting in the evening, makes you feel you are in an office. Ambient lighting is sooooo much more pleasant, it says "sit down and relax"

