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WHERE TO GET THE LOOK? at the Decorative Antiques & Textiles Fairs

Period design influences are making their way back in to popular consciousness: 18th century French-inspired products by contemporary designers have even reached the high street, but cognoscenti still recognise that one-off individual objects will always be ahead in the style stakes.

Launched in 1985 to cater to the needs of the interior design trade, The Decorative Antiques & Textiles Fairs, held in January, April and October annually at The Marquee, Battersea Park, welcomes trade and private buyers searching for unusual, practical, and affordable antiques for modern living.

Dates for next year are:

Winter Fair	23-28 January 2007
Spring Fair	24-29 April 2007 (tbc)
Autumn Fair	2-7 October 2007

Well-known designers who regularly source from the Fair include Olga Polizzi, Nicky Haslam, Nicole Farhi, Nina Campbell, Kirstie Allsop, Paul Smith's Albermarle Street shop and Colefax & Fowler.

Trends to look out for at the forthcoming Fairs include:

- French Fancies: with Marie Antoinette's arrival on the silver screen at the end of October, and the opening of her Versailles estate this summer, there's a spotlight on French interior style influenced by, and of, the pre-Revolution period.
- Black & Gold: the 2006 Autumn Season's hottest design look has been appearing at the Decorative Fair since last January, with ebonised and lacquered furniture, gilded and golden accessories such as lights and mirrors.
- Chintz & Chinoiserie: never entirely 'chucked out', we Brits are truly wedded to the oriental flavour of chintz and chinoiserie, a staple of the Fairs, decorating painted and upholstered furniture. Asian objects and art can be found too.

The Decorative Fair's informal setting and relaxed atmosphere make it an enjoyable as well as inspirational design event. Entry is £8.00. Visit www.decorativefair.com.

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NOTE TO EDITORS: The Press Office has a useful library of over 400 digital images of items typically found at the Fairs. These are available for use on request, for 'how to get the look' or 'inspiration' pages.