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CHALSI Goetz has knowledge to spare — she can decorate for you or help do-it-yourselfers tie it all together.

## Getting design help from a pro

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**MOST** homeowners today have a sense of style and already know what they like.

Often, when they come to Chalsi Goetz at Golden Interiors, all they need is a little guidance.

"I decorate to complement their decor ... sometimes just having a fresh eye makes a big difference. We'll move the furniture and re-hang the pictures, and that maybe is all it needs."

And having that fresh (and professional) eye, is usually a wise investment.

"There is such a push out

there to do it yourself," says Goetz.

Which is OK. But without knowledge of all the different elements of design, homeowners often find themselves running into trouble.

"When you have someone who is good at it, there is a world of possibilities."

Golden Interior's range of services runs "the whole gamut. From recovering a chair to a \$250,000 renovation." Goetz will locate suppliers and contractors, buy fabric, furniture and art work, and provide information about carpets, window coverings and wall treatments.

It's knowledge worth using. For example, even if you are only looking to buy new window coverings there's

lots to think about. Is your furniture prone to fading? You may need to think about what kind of lining you choose. Do you have pets who can get tangled in puddled drapery? A shorter style would be more appropriate.

"These days we are working with people's lifestyles. What we recommend may not necessarily be the trend, but what's practical."

Still, it's not hard to stay within current trends. There's lots to choose from in the latest selection of styles and fabrics.

Looks that will take you into the next millennium can be described in two words, says Goetz: elegant simplicity.

Hard window coverings such as venetian and vertical

blinds are a thing of the past; instead, look for the softness and warmth of drapery, sheers and valences. But not poufs, she warns. Drapery treatments should be sophisticated and tailored to reflect the client's personal style.

Sheer fabrics now come in a range of colors and patterns: stripes, stars, animal prints and metallics, to name just a few. Other fabric patterns are clearer, brighter and textured.

Animal print accents are hot, says Goetz; while crayon-colored accents can update a neutral or natural decor.

A few colors to look for in 1998: red, celadon, chartreuse, plum, yellow, clay and raisin.

Goetz has been a designer for more than 15 years.