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Dressing your windows and walls

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In honor of its 75th year in business, Metropolitan Window Fashions will present a free seminar, "How to Dress a Naked Window," at 10:30 a.m. on Feb. 21 at its store at 770 Route 17 North in Paramus.

The program will focus on the different ways to decorate your windows with custom and ready-made draperies, shades, shutters and blinds — including information on light control, sound absorption, safety issues, energy-saving products and styles for windows with challenging shapes. The store's decorating team will show how to coordinate different fabrics, trims and colors to create beautiful rooms and provide "tools" for developing a unified plan in the home. Gift certificates for \$100 each will be distributed to all attendees, with one grand prize winner receiving a \$500 certificate.

As part of its anniversary festivities, Metropolitan Window Fashions is also sponsoring a \$7,500 Room Make-Over Contest. Customers can enter either at the store or online at www.windowfashions.com. To reserve a seat for the Feb. 21 seminar, call 201-689-6030.



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The Silhouette Shade, from Hunter Douglas, above, suspends its fabric vanes between two sheer fabric facings that resist soil and dust — no individual blinds to clean! Fully open, the vanes appear to float, and fully closed they shut out both the view and the light. They also can be designed to fit any shape window, including a skylight. The Silhouette Originals two-inch shade shown starts around \$300 per single window. Hunter Douglas products can be purchased from Metropolitan Window Fashions, Paramus