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VICTORIAN DECORATING

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You can have a Victorian home even if you don't have a
Victorian house to put it in.

Many Victorian elements can blend well into traditional and
contemporary homes today. Today we are incorporating Victorian
touches into our modern homes. more and more today
in building and architectural elements we find 9-10 foot ceilings,
hardwood floors, wainscoting, accent painting of walls in
emerald green and deep red, ivory woodwork, sponge painting
bathrooms seeing return of pedestal sink and clawfoot bathtub.

in fabrics and decorating accessories, the use of chintz, moire,
accessories like
, and lace, along with oriental rugs, chinese import
porcelain, like
like my chinese vases
black and silk lampshades,
lacquer
botanical prints
wicker
trimmings on upholstery and draperies

and of course, the key tassels.
key tassels, that I had hanging from my secretary
the Victorians used the key tassels
to lock up things
they locked everything up
their secretaries and their sideboards.
the color of the tassels identified the colors of the key
which key went to what piece of furniture
seeing a lot of those now
just for decoration
why coming back
for the coziness, warmth Victorian people
they feathered their nest
they enjoyed their homes
we are going back to that
window treatment, too, see the popularity of swags, jabots
rosettes, fabric draped curtain rods
talking about color
also going to see a lot of yellow and red
besides rose and blue
also lots of gold threads, like in wall paper fabrics, or
cloth metallic threads.
jewel tones coming back
swing to that
even with a contemporary
some people like to mix contemporary and antiques
they blend well
maybe put one large antique piece in a contemporary room and it
becomes a focal point
big armoire
huge secretary or bookcase
absolutely stunning in a contemporary home

good way in a contemporary house,
one large piece scaled
then use an oriental rug
shirred pole with fabric puddled on the floor for a contemporary house

victorian whimsies
also use all the columns symbols
ferns up on stands
architectural pillars you can buy out of plaster
for statues

really interesting