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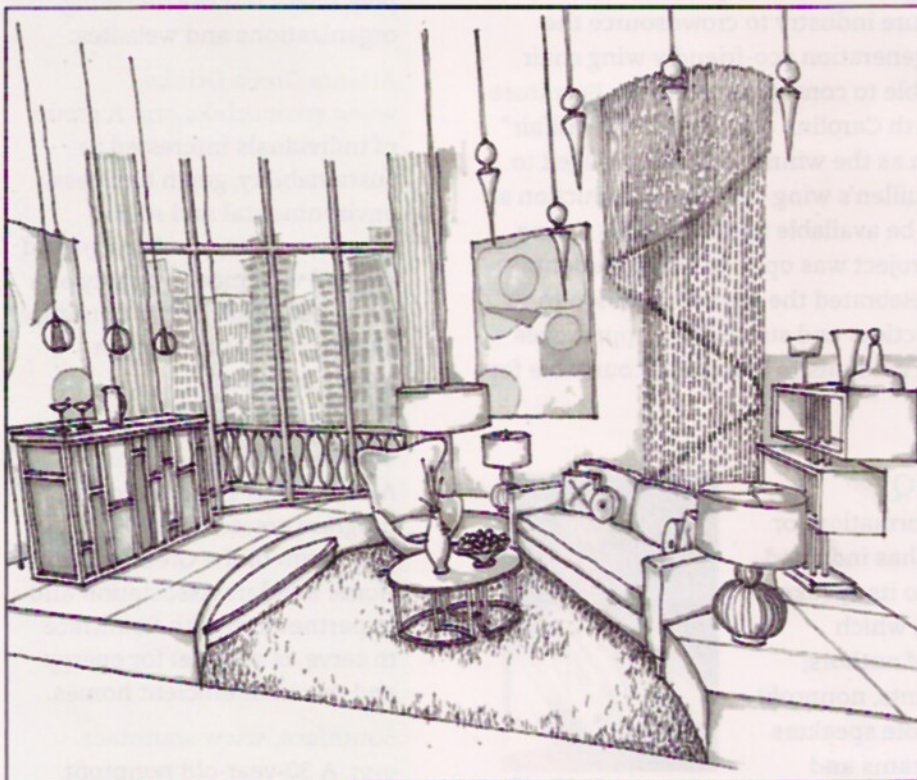
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Get Ready for The Next Cool Thing

Interior designers, film industry art department professionals, builders, suppliers and local manufacturers will converge for three days in Atlanta this month for **The Next Cool Thing**, a compilation of exhibits based on film and television themes as a tribute to the growing film industry in Georgia. The purpose of the event is to showcase local talent and resources for building the infrastructure of the growing film and television industry, which was spurred by the recent 30-percent tax incentives for the state.

"We realized the need to bring the creative communities together to introduce them to each other when **Craig Miller** of the **Georgia Production Partnership** and I discussed the perception that the state is lacking adequate resources to accommodate new business being generated here from Los Angeles and New York," said **Barbara English**, CEO of **To The Trade**, a company that focuses on creating liaisons within creative communities. "There is nothing the entertainment industry needs that can't be found locally. The challenge is that many of these businesses have been marketing strictly to the housing and construction industries and have no idea how to tap into the entertainment industry."

The Next Cool Thing will be held Jan. 14-16 at 1235 Chattahoochee Avenue in Atlanta, a facility that boasts more than 90,000 square feet of space. Visit www.nextcoolthingevent.com to purchase tickets and for more information. ➤

Expert Q&A

Q: What are some quick eco-friendly tips to keep in mind when redecorating my home?

A: Think creatively about using what you already own. For example, turn your china cabinet into a bathroom armoire with new paint and hardware. By doing a little research you can easily use low-VOC paint and chemical-free fabric for that updated bathroom armoire. For an extra touch, add curtains to the glass doors. Or, refinish your child's dresser and use it in an entryway. By reusing existing pieces you are keeping those items out of the landfills. You can repurpose the fabric from your old curtains to create pillows or a tablecloth. Need a complete overhaul? Donate any unwanted furniture to charity and buy quality furniture that will last. Eco-friendly options are popping up everywhere. Keep in mind that

antiques are also very green!

—*Capella Kincheloe, Atlanta residential designer and owner of Capella Kincheloe Interior Design*

