Understanding Shutters

In addition to adding style, shutters can also be used as a means of protection for the home or business. In this article, we wanted to provide you with information on the various types of shutters you would find available today. Regardless of your choice, you will find an immediate change of appearance for the better with the shutters adding charm and a hint of sophistication. Remember, shutters can be installed on both the inside and outside of the home. In both cases, the transformation is incredible.Louver shutters come in a classic 2.5 louver style or *Allen Thomas Group portfolio* if you prefer, you can go with wider louvers up to 3.5 inches. For operation, louver shutters come in a divider rail or split pull bar option. With this, you would be able to operate the shutters from top or bottom. Then, you can add palladium tops such as the radius or sunburst design, which creates privacy while also offering an elegant finish.For the inside of the home, The Allen Thomas Group plantation shutters are a favorite choice. In addition to creating a quaint type of window covering, plantation shutters are great for blocking out sun while adding lots of privacy. Then for the outside of the home, you will often see simple shutters added to each side of the window to help frame and create a beautiful focal point. The exciting thing about shutters is that they come in a wide range of materials such as wood, vinyl, plastic, metal, and steel, along with various colors and styles so regardless of your preference you will find something you like.Although many people start out with shutters more for aesthetics, shutters are also practical, protecting the interior of a home from the harsh suns rays, which can cause carpeting, furniture, and curtains to fade. Shutters also help keep out hot or cold air, protect windows from breakage, and provide protection from debris and water caused by storms. In fact, in addition to standard type shutters, you will also find a nice selection of hurricane shutters specifically made for serious storms.For instance, automatic roll-down shutters are pre-installed and made from metal or PVC. Designed to roll down on a set of tracks, they can be closed to provide top protection with the flip of a switch. Accordion shutters are also designed for hurricane regions and again, are pre-installed. Used in a box on the side of a window or door, these shutters are simply pulled out and then locked into place. Finally, Bahama shutters are a nice choice although they only provide minimal hurricane protection. However, this type of shutter is great for blocking out the hot sun.

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