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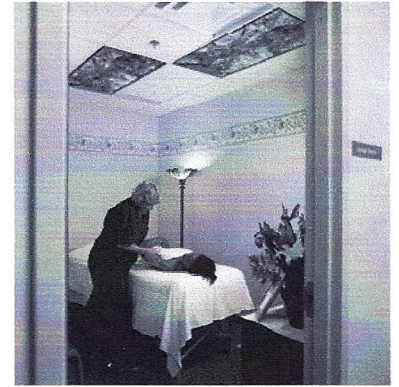
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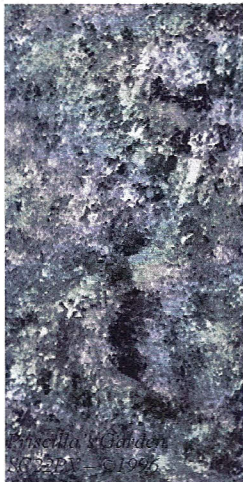
3-D Light Lenses Help Patients Relax

Facilities increasingly use enhanced lighting to help their patients feel more at home in what can be an institutional-style environment. Comforting lighting can help warm stark areas and relax patients in assisted-living and extended-care facilities who feel far removed from their once familiar surroundings.

Vara Kamin's Impressions of Light backlit lenses promote the visual/visceral experience. When slipped over an existing fluorescent ceiling light, these lenses produce three-dimensional works of art. Place the lenses in areas such as physical therapy, exam and procedural rooms to soften the impact of glaring ceiling lights and enhance the room with relaxing colors. Providing an eye-catching object of reflection – instead of a static image, such as a poster – can help bed-ridden patients engage their imaginations.



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For example, Priscilla's Garden allows a patient who enjoyed gardening to revisit the vibrant colors of a full-bloom garden. Impressions of Light lenses provide several spectacular scenes that evoke the sights, sounds and smells of a comforting setting and offer inward journeys filled with peace.

Visual artist and author Vara Kamin, a former public health nurse, created these large-scale impressionistic abstracts specifically for patients. Although her paintings are non-representational, they capture the essence of nature and offer limitless interpretations based on the viewer's imagination and life experiences. Responding to numerous requests to make her work more broadly available, Kamin chose ten paintings from her collection for reproduction. These ten images were then digitally replicated using warranted 3M Graphics materials with a class-A fire rating.

For more information on Vara Kamin's Impressions of Light™ lenses, visit the website at www.impressionsoflight.com