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A taste of the late '40s through the early '60s found in amateur stereo slides

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Home Decor

Slides from the '50s taken in and around people's homes often include bits of interesting period decorating and furnishings that can be enjoyed in the background, even though that was not originally intended to be the main subject of the view. However, the two images presented here both appear to have been made to capture and preserve such decor, making it the main subject rather than a part of the background.

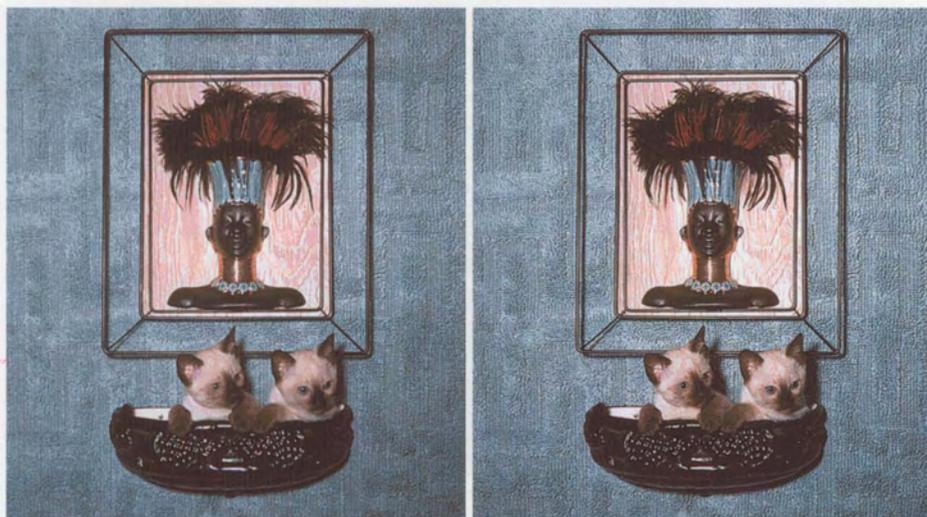
Our first view this time includes a wall covering that sure looks to my eyes like carpet. The original slide shows that this material does not cover the entire length of wall, but is a vertical strip about as wide as what is shown here, since a glimpse of wallpaper is visible on either side. In correcting the stereo window though, these stray edges have been cropped.

I would imagine that the bowl-shaped container at the bottom may have normally contained some plants or greenery, but the

kittens are a nice touch for the photo! This Kocachrome image was mounted in an old-style Kodak cardboard mount (gray with red edges), and unfortunately is unlabeled.

Our next view, by a different but similarly unknown photographer, was mounted in an aluminum mask which was then sandwiched in glass. It was labeled only with the very appropriate title, "Pink Sensation". I suspect this slide was taken in the '60s, but don't really know any details about it. One guess is that perhaps this was the scene inside some sort of model home at a fair or home show. I suppose it could also have actually been the interior of the photographer's house or that of one of his acquaintances, but it almost appears too neat and tidy for that.

If only there had been someone dressed entirely in pink lounging on the furniture (and perhaps a little less ceiling and a little more floor shown), this slide would have really been a beauty! 🐾🐾



This column combines a love of stereo photography with a fondness for 1950s-era styling, design and decor by sharing amateur stereo slides shot in the "golden age" of the Stereo Realist—the late 1940s through the early 1960s. From clothing and hairstyles to home decor to modes of transportation, these frozen moments of time show what things were really like in the middle of the twentieth century. If you've found a classic '50s-era slide that you would like to share through this column, please send it to: Fifties Flavored Finds, 5610 SE 71st, Portland, OR 97206.

As space allows, we will select a couple of images to reproduce in each issue. This is not a contest—just a place to share and enjoy. Please limit your submission to a single slide. If the subject, date, location, photographer or other details are known, please send that along too, but we'll understand if it's not available. Please include return postage with your slide. Slides will be returned within 6 to 14 weeks, and while we'll treat your slide as carefully as our own, Stereo World and the NSA assume no responsibility for its safety.

