

Wallpaper Is Low Cost Method Of Improvement

You'll be an even prettier picture in your home if you select wallpaper as carefully as you select your furniture. For the walls of your home are a frame for your love-life—just as your hair is a frame for your face.

By selecting wallpaper colors and patterns that set off your special beauty—as well as the decor of your home—you'll love living there even more.

Today, wallpapers are easy to care for, too. Most are washable and treated to resist grease and stains. Some have vinyl impregnated colors—and these can be given the works with a scrub brush.

Before buying any wallpaper, be sure to read the manufacturer's directions as to just what type of paper you are buying. You'll want to know before you hang it whether soap and water will take care of keeping it clean.

In case you find a wallpaper which requires extra care, but the pattern and color are "exactly what you want"—there are various products on the market that can be brushed or sprayed onto the paper to protect it. However, be certain to buy a reliable product—one that won't change the color of the paper after it has been on for a time.

There are many new wallpapers that are perfect for the kitchen and dining areas.

Ask to see the collection of dramatic wallpaper featuring designs by famous artists. One creation is of sketches by Toulouse-Lautrec—done in brilliant colors of yellows, greens and black and white.

A new bright check design of tents and shades of red and white is perfect for covering the ceiling one wall and the inside of shelves in the kitchen.

There are many new papers of beautiful floral pictures—with lots of open "breathing space" around the designs. An especially lovely one has a single crimson rose surrounded by wide areas of bone white.

Exciting textured and embossed wallpapers are new and very nice in any room of the home.

Visit your favorite wallpaper store soon—you'll be more than pleased with the fine selection this year.

Wood Panels Are Ideal For Improvements

Decorators emphasize the "design potential" of wood paneling—the opportunity it provides to match and combine with built-ins and other architectural woodwork in the room, and to color-blend with floors, furniture, upholstery and drapes.

Also, wood gives permanent decoration with low maintenance, and has high insulation and acoustical values.

While its basic appeal lies in the beauty of grain and texture of true wood, it has a practical appeal almost irresistible to home makers. It survives the kind of abuse that would require complete redecoration for most other materials. For this reason, it is favored for children's rooms and recreation rooms.

More species are used for paneling today than ever before.

Among the hardwoods commonly used are oak, cherry, walnut, pecan, gum, yellow poplar, birch, mahogany, other tropical hardwoods as well as many practical softwoods.

Architects and decorators are using paneling with increasing

Imagination Even the amateur decorator is fairly safe in trying out novel paneling ideas because it is almost impossible to "go wrong" on room effects with a material of natural beauty like wood.

One modern application is use of the same wood on both the outside and inside of the house. This utilization of house siding as paneling is effective for a fireplace wall or when exterior and interior are linked with a window wall.

Another trend is use of narrow vertical paneling to make small rooms look larger. Still another is the use of hardwood flooring for wall paneling.

There are often bargains in short lengths and random widths of lumber that an enterprising home planner can put to work for interesting and attractive wall effects.

Besides, it's fun and it's easy. But there are several points to keep in mind to insure the success of a garden. When sowing seeds, the size of the seeds generally determines the depth to which they're planted.

Small seeds are barely covered while larger seeds are planted at a depth of about four times their diameter. If too thinly sown, the hazards of garden life may cause vacant spaces in a row while if sown too thickly, there'll be the chore of thinning the seedlings out later on. So follow the instructions on the back of the seed packets when sowing seeds and you can't go wrong.

Seeds should be sown when the soil is only slightly wet. If the soil is too damp, it may pack and form a crust which the seedlings can't break through. After the seeds are covered with soil, firm down by pressing with the back of the hoe or by treading lightly over the ground.

The sun, the soil, and a good watering once a week will do the rest. Then wait for the harvest.

Consider Whole Family When Planning Bathroom

Before planning bathrooms for a modernization job, family needs should be taken into consideration. A family of more than three people needs and deserves the comfort and convenience of at least two complete bathrooms. If space is limited, the homeowner may install two lavatories in the bathroom or a lavatory-dressing table in a bedroom.

If possible, children should have a bathroom immediately adjacent to their bedrooms. Child-sized fixtures will encourage cleanliness. Lavatories can be connected closer to the floor, within easy reach. Mirrors can go above at the desired heights.

A four foot square bathtub or receptor tub which has a diagonal bathing area and built-in seat is perfect. Smaller toilets also are more comfortable for children.

Cast-iron bathtubs come in the conventional rectangular or the new square shape in both recessed and corner models. A thick enamel coat gives a smooth appearance that will not dim or peel through many years of use.

The square bathtub offers wide, roomy bathing area on the diagonal with integral seats on either side. A smaller version can be installed in little more than shower stall space, yet offers full bathing comfort.

Another innovation is the wall-hung toilet which leaves the floor clear for easy cleaning. The flush valve type of water control, once restricted to public rest-rooms, now is available for home installation under certain circumstances. New concealed toilet tanks are coming in for much attention, too. Manufacturers now have devised ways of hiding the tank either in the wall of the bathroom or in the attic.

Once the proper fixtures have been selected, the next problem is storage facilities for: linens, soiled clothing, medicines, toiletries and other bathroom articles

non-conventional framing. Insulation is easily cut to in-between sizes on the job. A sharp knife is the only tool necessary. An ordinary kitchen knife works well.

The batt or blanket should be cut an inch, or a little less, wider than the space to be filled. This assures a snug fit.

When insulation is cut, the vapor barrier should be allowed to project out far enough to serve as a flange for fastening. Cut from the non-vapor side of the blanket to the vapor barrier.



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