



This young lady has the answer to the problem of jumbled footwear on the floor of the closet. This rolling shoe cart holds 24 pairs of shoes, is simple to build. Plan available.

## Rolling Shoe Cart Ends Frantic Closet Searches

If you like to stand on your head, you probably don't mind searching through a jumbled pile of shoes on the floor of the closet. But if you aren't athletically inclined, there is a way to get your footwear off the floor and display it gracefully.

A cart which rolls on casters will end those frantic shoe searches. It holds 24 pairs of shoes and slippers, plus shoe shine supplies. Shoes go in feet first with the heels resting on long dowels. Polish, rags, and brushes are stored in a tray on top of the cart.

### Rolling Stock

The cart is one of the handiest pieces of "rolling stock" in the house. It's 26 inches high and 18 inches wide. You can build it yourself from  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch fir plywood and hardwood dowels. Most lumber dealers have handy-panel racks with partial sheets of fir plywood large enough to build the cart.

### Turn Closet Into Useful Hobby Center

A home handyman can turn a large closet or storage room into a versatile hobby room that can be used by every member of the family. In most cases a large area is not needed, but sufficient space for storage of materials should be included in the project.

Since the youngster probably will be using finger paints, crayons and other items that will mar painted walls, a durable paneling such as a plastic surface should be installed over the old walls. Stains, scuff marks and other causes of deterioration can be wiped off the paneling with a sudsy cloth.

Easy-to-install 16-inch square blocks of the same plastic-surfaced hardboard can be obtained at lumber dealers for installation over the old ceiling. The blocks have tongue-and-groove edges which simplify installation.

Leftover paneling can be used to top the work counter. The smooth plastic surface is highly-resistant to hard wear and makes a good base for all hobby work.

An important consideration in planning a hobby room is adequate lighting. A long fluorescent channel or modern spotlight type lamps can be installed to assure a bright and cheerful room.

### Good Zoning Helps

Good zoning is also important—that sleeping, living and working areas should be clearly separated from each other.

They also should be well related to each other for efficient circulation. When you look at a house ask yourself if children sleeping in their bedrooms, for example, will be shielded from the noise of adults being entertained in the living area. Will work in progress in the kitchen or utility area be out of sight of guests in the living area? And can children playing in the family area be zoned off from adults reading or resting elsewhere in the house?

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## 'Other' Side of Hardboard Like Canvas

Noted for its smooth surface, most hardboard also has a mesh back in a texture something like canvas. There are many applications in which exposing the screen or reverse side performs a non-skid function or furnishes a top-notch decor.

Examples are:

Surfaces of lakeshore boat docks, floating rafts, diving boards and boat decks. In these cases, the tempered "Masonite" is applied with non-rusting screws applied through drilled holes which have been counter-sunk. The screen side of the hardboard wears almost as well as the smooth side, as the board has the same makeup throughout.

Treads of basement, attic or outbuilding stairways. With the exposed edges lightly beveled and the screen side exposed, the tempered board has considerable shot-holding property, and it will even up worn treads. Fasten treads with one-inch finishing nails. For additional safety, paint the steps a light color so they will show up well.

Interior walls. Here the reverse side of the hardboard gives the appearance of expensive canvas. A nice effect is gained by making a V joint by means of a plane or beveling tool. An alternative is to cover the joints with narrow wood battens spaced eight or 16 inches apart. Primed and painted, such a wall will furnish a handsome accent area in any room.

Flooring in a work area, above grade. The non-skid qualities of the screenboard will perform a useful service. Apply panels of the tempered board in sizes 3 x 4, 4 x 4, or 1 x 4 feet over a good nailing base, again with lightly beveled edges.

Backgrounds. These might be a shadowbox, bookcase or picture back.

## Simple Test Tells When House Has Good Floor Plan

A simple way to test whether a house has a good floor plan is to see if it will provide good traffic circulation. There are five key questions for grading a house plan:

Does the main entrance (used mostly by guests) lead directly into the center of the house? Is there a foyer or small entrance hall and clothes closet inside the main entrance? Does the family entrance lead directly from the garage to the kitchen? Can you enter the house from either entrance and go directly to any room without going through a third room? Does the kitchen have a "control tower" location where you can supervise all of the major areas?

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## 'Privazoning' Peers Into Future

## Plan Alters Functions of Bath, Bedrooms

If you haven't already heard of "privazoning" and "dressaries", chances are you'll be quite familiar with these terms by 1960.

Privazoning calls for realigning the functions of the bedroom and bathroom by concentrating all grooming functions in a combination dressing-bathing-toilet room called a dressary. There would be a dressary for each member of the family to provide greater privacy within the home.

Under this plan, the bedroom assumes a new role as a lounging, living and recreation area in addition to its use for sleep. All grooming functions are concentrated in the dressary, which adjoins the bedroom.

Privazoning has already been incorporated into many new homes, and parents report that children assume new responsibilities when they are put in charge of their own dressary. Children sharing the same bedroom have plenty of room for their clothes, school equipment, recreational items and hobby material with individual dressaries.

Many decorators expect beautiful yet easy-to-clean paneling, to be used extensively in dressaries. This is predecorated, hardboard, which is available at lumber dealers, can be obtained in bright and cheerful colors for children, handsome woodgrains for Dad or teenage boys, and distinctive marble

patterns for Mom or a growing daughter.

The colors and patterns are protected by a factory-baked plastic

finish that resists moisture, heat, stains and other hard wear.

Lipstick, cosmetics, perfume and other grooming aids can be wiped off the smooth plastic finish with a damp cloth. Since this paneling never requires refinishing, dressaries will prove an economic investment through the years.

The decor of the dressary may either harmonize or contrast with the central color theme of the bedroom, according to leading interior decorators. These designers point out that dressaries should not only be tastefully decorated, but extremely easy to keep clean since they will become heavy traffic areas due to the concentration of facilities.

Storage space can be increased in the dressary's lavatory and closet areas by using panels of Peg-Board. These perforated panels are available in the same colors and patterns to insure a uniform decor. They can be used to hang clothes, pictures, knickknacks or shelves for toilet and grooming items. More than 60 different hooks are available for use with these pre-decorated Peg-Board panels.

Morning traffic jams, stockings hanging from the towel rack and frayed tempers may become "ancient history" if privazoning succeeds in realigning the functions of conventional bedrooms and bathrooms.

## Recent Survey Shows

## Home Handymen Do Half Of Residential Remodeling

The "do-it-yourselfer" is a well-established part of the American home. Approximately half of all residential remodeling is done by home handymen, according to a recent survey by a leading trade journal in the home construction field.

Amateur workmen have branched out from small projects to room additions and conversions. With modern building materials and expert advice from local lumber dealers, a skilled handyman can tackle projects previously handled only by contractors.

Kitchens and bathrooms are the prime remodeling targets for home handymen, who have become skilled at installing new paneling, floor tile, cabinets and lighting fixtures.

One of the most popular materials used to modernize older kitchens and bathrooms is plastic-surfaced paneling, which can be installed right over the old wall surfaces.

With a wide range of colors,

## Simple Care Keeps Stainless Steel Glistening

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