



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. Shoe 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 hand-set pieces of "rolling stock" in the house. It's 26 inches high and 18 inches wide. You can build it yourself from 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. The unit helps to prolong the life of your shoes, since it keeps them cleaner and prevents the scuffing they get on the closet floor. It's a do-it-yourself project which the woodworking amateur can handle by following a detailed do-it-yourself plan.

**Free Plan**  
For a free construction plan for the rolling shoe cart, write Douglas Fir Plywood Association, Tacoma 2, Washington.

## 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, scuffs 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.

## '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 screenback board 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.

## 'Privazoning' Peers Into Future Plan Alters Functions of Bath, Bedrooms

If you haven't already heard of "privazoning" and "dressatories," 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 dressatory. There would be a dressatory 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 dressatory, 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 dressatory. Children sharing the same bedroom have plenty of room for their clothes, school equipment, recreational items and hobby material with individual dressatories.

Master bedrooms under this new

privazoning plan have two adjoining dressatories, each equipped with a countertop lavatory, clothes closet, built-in chest of drawers and water closet. A bathtub area can be located between the two dressatories with access from either side. The private dressatory provides the homemakers with a retreat from daily chores, and permits her to complete routine grooming and makeup functions in seclusion.

The decor of the dressatory may either harmonize or contrast with the central color theme of the bedroom, according to leading interior decorators. These designers point out that dressatories 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.

Many decorators expect beautiful yet easy-to-clean paneling to be used extensively in dressatories. This 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, dressatories will prove an economic investment through the years.

Storage space can be increased in the dressatory'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-yourself" is a well-established part of the American family. 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 bathroom 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,

woodgrains and marble patterns, this paneling provides the handyman with an easy-to-handle material that can be installed in any room of the house. The pleasant colors are widely used in kitchens, bathrooms, bedrooms and utility areas, while woodgrains have found wide acceptance in family rooms and dining areas. Marble-patterned is most often used in bathrooms and on stairway wainscots.

The paneling does not require any waxing or other finishing after installation. This feature saves valuable time. Plastic-surfaced hardboard provides a permanent decor which never requires painting or refinishing.

Homemakers have found this an ideal paneling for walls and ceilings because it can be damp-wiped clean. Moisture, heat, food stains and other causes of deterioration can be removed with a sudsy cloth without marring the paneling's original factory finish.

## Make Hideaway For Folding Cot

A folding cot is wonderful for an extra guest, but where can it be kept out of sight when not in use? Often, a special hideaway closet with a clamp-on door will serve nicely.

Locate the cot closet on a porch, in the basement, hallway or bedroom. Make a lumber framework in a corner and cover it with 1/4" Presdwood. For a door, make a frame and cover it with Presdwood. Get friction-type metal fixtures for clamping it into the opening. They are attached to the inside framework. Include finger holes for its easy removal.

Prime and paint the cot closet. The top can be used as a bookcase or for plants or other decorative items.

## Prepare Linoleum Before You Paint

Before painting linoleum, remove all grease with soap and water. Wipe and allow it to dry.

Use a tough porch and floor enamel and if you wish a two-toned effect, pat the base coat when it is dry with a sponge dipped in the contrasting color. Such a finish is less likely to show scuffs and marks than a solid color.

## Appliances Can Be Kept In Counter

A portable counter for small appliances makes a handy accessory in the dining area or recreation room. The skilled home handyman can build a versatile counter from stock lumber and plastic-surfaced hardboard paneling.

Pull-up stools make the counter an ideal spot for quick breakfasts, snacks or coffee klatches. The counter top should be ample, at least 2 x 3-feet wide, with sufficient overhang to provide leg room.

Often-used appliances, such as the toaster, coffee maker, waffle iron and blender, can be kept on shelves underneath the counter. Colorful sliding doors, which can be made from decorative peg-board supported by framing members, conceal the appliances from view.

Available at lumber dealers in a variety of colors and patterns, perforated hardboard with a permanent plastic surface provides a durable door that can withstand an occasional kick from an errant foot. Scuff marks can be wiped off the material with a sudsy cloth.

The counter may be topped with unperforated Marlite. This attractive paneling is highly-resistant to hard wear and abrasion. Heat and fruit juice stains will not mar its baked melamine plastic surface.

Attach casters to the bottom of the counter for mobility.

## Basement Ceiling Improves Look

An improvement that will give any basement a "lift" is covering the ceiling joists. This may be done economically by using 1/4" Panelwood cut into 16-inch squares or rectangles 16 by 24 inches and applying them over the joists. Since all edges must be supported, 1x2-inch lumber must be installed between the joists and flush with them at the joints between the panels. Before applying the panels, cut a deep bevel on all exposed edges, using a plane or beveling tool. Set the heads of finishing nails slightly below the surface and fill the holes with plastic wood before priming and painting.

## Light and Access Add Real Value To Basement

In planning the basement of your new home, make sure that it will have adequate light and ventilation and will be easily accessible from both the interior and exterior. Good light and air will make the area below grade as livable as your rooms on the main floors.

The exit from the basement to the outdoors should be located in the center of the house. When you enter a well-planned basement from the outdoors, you come upon a central hall like the one you face upstairs as you enter from the front door. Off this center hall are located the various basement rooms—laundry room, recreation room, storage and heater room, perhaps a bedroom, den or workshop, or even a basement bathroom where family members can wash up after a hectic session in the outdoors. Thus you can reach any basement room from inside or outside without going through another room.

You will find that an outside entrance to the basement is handy for the everyday needs of your family. When your basement playroom can be reached directly from the outdoors, your youngsters can run in and out without bothering anybody in the rooms upstairs.

Mom can take her laundry to the drying-yard in a direct line; she won't have to drip water through the house. When Dad wants to bring in sheets of plywood or other material for his workshop, he will find it a cinch.

## Mobile Counter Versatile Item For Mom, Kids

A mobile counter can transform a compact utility room into a bustling recreation and hobby area within seconds. A large portable counter, made from stock lumber and faced with predecorated hardboard, can be designed so that it fits over the washer and dryer and flush against the wall. When Mom wants to wash, she simply rolls the counter away from the wall and uses the top for a sorting board. When she isn't using the counter, the children can pull up stools and work on their art or hobby.

If the utility room layout permits, a partition can be built underneath the counter for additional support and storage. This section can be lined with Peg-Board to provide additional storage space for laundry supplies. Rubber casters, of course, should be attached to each corner for mobility. The counter should have a deep overhang so that children will have plenty of room to sit close up while playing, doing handicraft work or studying. Their energetic play will not injure the smooth plastic surface that can be cleaned with a damp cloth to make maintenance a simple chore.

The rear portion of the counter may be raised and an attractive planter constructed along this section. If possible, a shadow box for handicraft material and tools should be built on a nearby wall. It can be lined with a matching or harmonizing paneling, which is available at lumber yards in plain colors, woodgrains and marble patterns.

## Modernize? Here's Quiz For Decision

Folks with a home modernization problem usually have three questions in mind as they emerge from the "thinking" stage and get to "doing." They are: 1. Will it be fairly easy to accomplish? 2. Will it look well and really improve the room's appearance? 3. Will it be inexpensive?

Looking before leaping is a good American trait. When a home owner plans on investing his own time as well as money in an improvement project, he wants to be very sure before he orders his materials. Like anyone else, he wants to get full value for money and time spent.

As they consider the materials for a room renovation, more and more home owners have found that hardboards fill the bill when it comes to answering these three most-often-asked questions.

These hardboards come in easy-to-handle panels. In this alone, the handyman or professional carpenter finds a real time saver. The panels can be sawn readily either with hand or power equipment. Ordinary woodworking tools are used. The panels won't split, splinter or crack. They paint easily. Their smooth surfaces eliminates any need for sanding before finishing. Many of the types are available primed or have a factory grained finish.

**Ideal For Walls**  
With color playing an important role in home decor, these hardboards are an ideal medium for wall coverings. Starting with the factory-primed or raw panels, the home craftsman can have the latest and most satisfying colors he and his family desire. If he wants to save even more work, he can install plastic-finished hardboard panels, which have a permanent finish and comes in pastel shades or authentic woodgrains. There are natural marble finishes, too.

Since costs are an important factor in times like these, more and more craftsmen are turning to hardboards for their home modernization projects.

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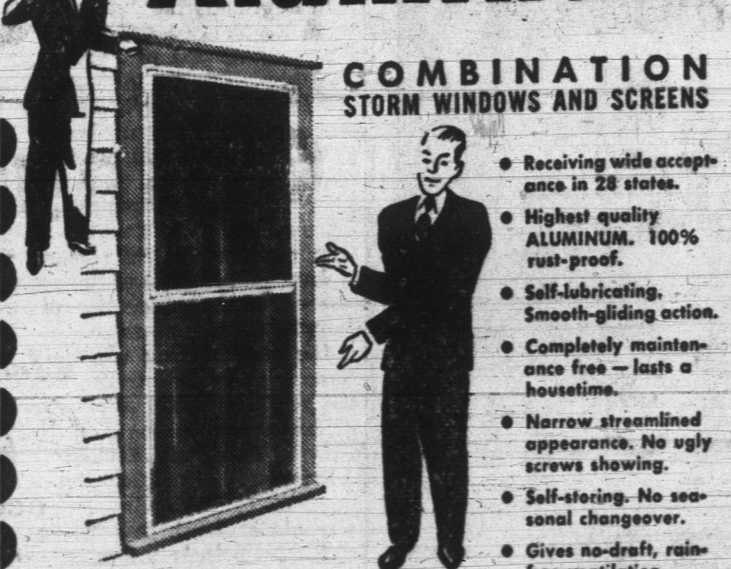
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