

## Storage Space Problems Are Often Solved By Built-Ins

Big home or little home, large household or small, there is hardly a family that can say it has adequate storage space. The lack may be general—from attic to the basement—or it may be confined mainly to certain rooms, such as kitchen, bathroom, or family room.

Lumber and lumber paneling are ideal for creating built-ins to correct the lack of storage facilities, for lumber will fit into any decorative scheme and it is economical and easy to work with. This is especially true of softwoods and some of the most readily available are the species that grow in the western pine region.

Built-ins naturally should be appropriate to the room. This sounds elementary, but it takes some planning and forethought to work out the sort of built-ins that will do the best job in a specific situation.

For example, storage space in a kitchen should be co-ordinated with work areas. Drawers and cabinets should be planned to hold heavy equipment below counters and cupboards to contain lighter items should go above. Consideration should be given, too, to space.

It is most useful, perhaps, in a

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The main entrance of this traditional home leads directly into the kitchen, giving privacy to the living room and leading directly to the bedroom wing. Bedrooms have built-in dresser trays and wardrobe type closets. The master bedroom lavatory and another adjoin a common room for the bath.

A well arranged kitchen with waist high oven, counter top range adjoin the large dining area. The stairway leads to a full basement from the rear entry which also has a door to the attached garage.

Well proportioned, the living room is graced with a fireplace and broad picture window. Excluding 351 square feet for the garage, the plan covers 1385 square feet and contains 26,772 cubic feet.

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child's bedroom, where a wardrobe closet arrangement will hold both hanging and folded clothing, and drawers or even bins can be utilized for sports equipment and toys.

However, it can be used almost anywhere to advantage. These built-in units can be designed to cover a whole wall and will save space often occupied by furniture.

### Bathroom Divider Can Be Useful Storage Cabinet

If there's room in your bathroom for a divider, it might as well be a useful device like a storage cabinet.

A cabinet of six-foot height can easily be custom-built to meet your family's needs. Made of lumber and covered with a paintable or woodgrained hardboard panel, the storage-divider can be both attractive and useful.

To help classify the storage, it's a good idea to have four compartments—two above and two below, each behind sliding doors. The doors are simply panels that fit into metal channels.

The cabinet back can be fitted with towel bars, especially if it is convenient to the lavatory or shower.

To get maximum use of the storage space, line the cabinet with Peg-Board. This will be particularly handy in one of the lower compartments, which could be devoted to cleaning supplies, for hanging shelves that will hold cans and bottles. Other items can be suspended from hooks.

Shelves in the other sections can easily be supported by Peg-Board hooks bent slightly to form horizontal projections at each side. Then the wood shelves may be raised or lowered simply by moving the hooks to meet varying requirements.

All materials for the divider-cabinet are available at lumberyards.

### More Profit If Pigs Kept Cool, Comfy

Pigs raised in an insulated, weatherproof house in which the temperatures can be controlled in the 60 to 70 degree Fahrenheit range are healthier, gain fast, and produce more meat per pound of feed.

Available to hog farmers nationally now is a panel system farrowing-nursery house which has insulated and vapor-sealed walls and ceiling that permit only one-fifth as much winter heat loss as concrete block walls.

The mass-produced building sections are put together fast with local labor and a factory-trained supervisor. Using local labor, you can save up to 22 per cent on the total cost, according to the agriculture department of Masonite Corporation.

Farmers are advised that for early weaning, this type of housing is essential; for conventional weaning, it's a wise, profit-building investment.

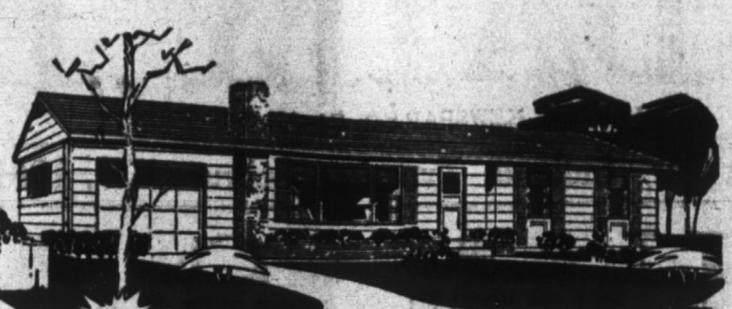
The specially-treated, smooth hardboard panels forming a "sandwich" over the insulation and interior framing provide great strength and durability.

### 'Frame' Doorway To Brighten Bedroom

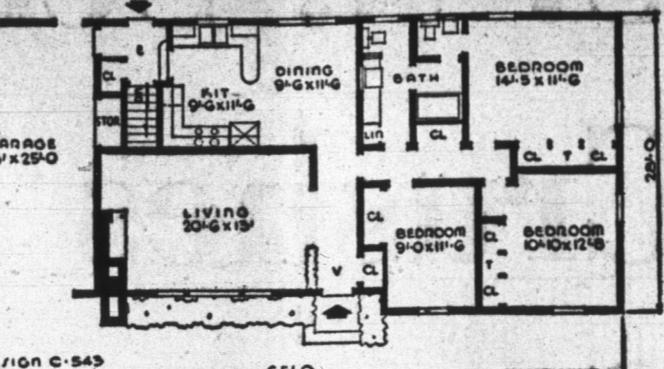
To "pep up" the looks of a child's room, frame the doorway with a border of decorative paneling in a color or pattern different from that on the adjacent walls.

The border, about four inches wide, may be applied along the edges of the door frame. In older homes it might be put over the old woodwork to avoid a refinishing job. Decals can be applied to plastic-surfaced hardboard without marring the washable finish.

Prime-coated hardboards may be used for various home improvements such as canopies, partitions, built-ins and furniture.



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## Wallpapers Can Coordinate Decor Throughout Home

If you are about to redecorate, keep in mind two major objectives. The first is to bring sparkle and interest to the home, and the second is to keep a look of harmony in the home. No matter how imaginative your ideas are, if they don't jell together the result will be unsatisfying.

For the unprofessional home decorator this often presents a problem. But there is help at hand, and at no charge. Visit your local wallpaper store and take a look at the sample books there.

You will find in almost every sample book, groups of coordinated papers that make a good starting point for decorating schemes.

Two, three or even four papers are joined together by design or color or mood, or sometimes by all three.

A typical grouping might be a repeat design of a Colonial scene in light beige, brown and burnt orange, which could be used effectively in the hall; a small neat documentary pattern in the same three colors, which would look well in the dining room, and a simple embossed texture of beige with slight flecks of brown and burnt orange, which would be a good choice for the living room as a background for the many books and pictures.

This would give both contrast and harmony in three connected areas. Use these ready-made schemes throughout the house wherever you have adjoining rooms to decorate such as bedroom and bathroom, or kitchen and dinette.

These matchmates are not new, but they are now to be found in the popular priced field in many attractive designs of fine quality. They bring unity and distinction to any room.

Where a room has no particular style, either because of different furnishings that don't blend too well or because of too many distracting colors, the use of these matchmates will do a great deal to tie in scattered effects and give harmony to the room.

Trained decorators know how to use what is on the market, and the do-it-yourself decorator too, should use all these built-in aids that are there for the looking. The job will be easier and the results better.

### A Peg-Board Liner Tidies Up Garage

Gardens are notorious for being unkempt catchalls for items running the gamut from kids' tricycles to a conglomeration of hoes, rakes and other garden equipment.

A good home improvement starter project, which will dress up the garage's interior and reduce the fire hazard, is a functional liner.

Unsightly to begin with, it most cases, because they usually show unfinished wall studs, garages can be given interior walls that have a dual-purpose organized storage to end garage chaos, and a 1,000 per cent improvement in appearance.

### Job Is Inexpensive

Such a garage renovation can be highly satisfying to the home owner because it's inexpensive and easy to accomplish, with or without the help of the family. First step, after ordering the lining material, 1/4" Peg-Board panels, whose perforations will hold heavy or light objects, is cleaning out the present contents. Sell or give away the accumulated things that no one really wants. The rest can be hung neatly on the new wall liner.

Floor-to-ceiling installations of this versatile board will provide storage facilities for such things as ladders, wheelbarrows, paint cans, garden tools, children's toys and play equipment and the overflow from the basement, utility room or attic.

### Items In Easy Reach

Strong metal fixtures that fit interchangeably in any of the hun-

## Paneling A Room Is Now

### Easier For A Home Owner

Paneling a room in wood is a lot easier than it used to be, and there is no room in the house where wood paneling doesn't fit in with most furnishings.

About 35 native tree species produce lumber suitable for paneling. Each contains several variations in color and grain pattern, so you have literally hundreds of different decorative effects to choose from.

### Now Is Time To Check-Up On Roofing

An early spring inspection of the roof is a timely and useful operation, because the rigors of the winter months may have caused damage that would otherwise go unnoticed.

Slow and unseen leaks are among the principal causes of permanent injury to the roof structure, framing and sills. Long exposure to the sun will often cause a roof to become dry and porous, and sudden temperature changes are a factor in the curling of roof shingles.

Some of the danger signals to look for are these:

Asphalt shingles, that have outlived their usefulness, will show the first signs of eventual roof failure by granules washing off, permitting the felt underneath to dry out or crack.

Shrinkage will cause old wood shingles to crack and split. In extreme cases, they will curl, allowing sleet and rain to wash under them, thus weakening the understructure of the roof. When nails begin to pop out, this is usually a sign that the wood has rotted around the nail holes.

Faulty application and long wear can both contribute to failure of roll roofing. Over the years, the sun dries out this roofing and causes blistering and cracks.

Look for specific trouble spots around dormer windows and chimney flashings, vent pipes, valleys and gutters and on hip roofs.

Recommended by roofing experts is a good metal or felt flashing material to assure water-tight dormers.

It is a good idea to examine chiminea areas for any indication of corrosion or separation of the flashing.

Although not part of the roof area, gutters and leaders should get the home-owner's attention at roof inspection time. Failure of the gutters is sometimes due to the poor pitch or a stopped-up condition of the leaders.

### FARM FIX-UP CELEBRATION

By Handy Jim

Well-planned buildings, coupled with scientific management, can put the hog farmer in a better profit position. With adequate, permanent facilities, he can market hogs throughout the year, not just when the prices are low.

Structures especially planned for production of pigs now are available nationally through fabricators franchised by Masonite Corporation, the world's largest manufacturer of hardboards. These trained fabricators can deliver eight, 12, 16 or 20-stall units, complete with sow pen, farrowing stalls, nursery pens, feed room and service area.

TO PREVENT bulls from damaging the solid wood doors of their pens with their horns, a Minnesota farmer covered them with 1/4" tempered preswood. The doors still receive the rough treatment, but the smooth, hard surface of the hardboard is undamaged.

DIRECT SALES to consumers by means of a roadside stand are bringing extra profits to many farmers and other folks with big gardens. A serviceable, attractive structure can be built by nailing 1/4" tempered preswood to a framework of 2x4-inch lumber spaced 16" apart.

For the display shelves, it's a good idea to use tempered preswood, because it can be kept clean easily and won't absorb food odors. It is moisture-resistant, too, and customers won't get splinters when they pick up an item for close inspection. A let-down front can keep the stand closed securely overnight. Built as suggested, this stand may remain outdoors the year around. It should be given a prime coat of paint and two coats of exterior quality. Built at reasonable cost, this well-constructed stand will soon pay for itself and should last many seasons.

A SHOVELING BOARD is one that's used for shoveling on, not with. On a farm, a floor of 1/4" tempered preswood in a corn crib, granary or feed storage area is ideal because it has (1) a smooth surface which makes shoveling easy, (2) a long-wearing surface that will last for years and years, and (3) no splinters to wear out feed bags and tempers.

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