

Build Closet Wall to Gain More Storage Facilities

To the lady of the house, "conquering space" means discovering new storage room — rather than rocketing to the moon.

Now a new plan for a bedroom closet wall deserves the designation of "space maker" say its designers at Weyerhaeuser Company makers of lumber, plywood and other assorted wood building products.

The plan (see illustration) provides twin closets ("his" and "hers") on either side of the head of the bed. It is a neat solution to the otherwise vexing storage problem in many, many homes since

most bedrooms have unused space along one wall. Usually, you don't even need to rearrange furniture; other times, moving the bed to another wall makes the addition practical, simple.

Closets require only 2-foot depth and they can be as wide as the room allows. Even a 2-foot wide closet provides storage for at least a dozen men's suits or two or three times as many dresses. Above and below the clothes on hangers, there's added space for shoes, hats, accessories.

These built-in are simple with



either lumber or plywood. Finished natural or with a light stain, the warmth and beauty of wood adds restful charm and updates the home. Choose a light-colored, economical wood such as western hemlock that readily accepts a wide range of stain tones or one of the new prefinished Craftwall hardwood panelings offered in a half-dozen woods and even more finishes.

For the advanced do-it-yourselfer building a closet wall probably falls into the "moderately easy" category. When built by a professional, the project would go fast, cause little disruption of the home and usually cost only \$350-\$450 complete, unless there are unusually

FAMILY ROOM OR RUMPUS ROOM—whatever you call it after you build it—it will be practical to include sound conditioning woodfiber ceiling tile in your building requisites. This type of acoustical tile reduces excessive noises and provides an attractive finished ceiling with thermal insulation value.—"Forestone" Fisure Tile by Simpson Timber Company.

complicated conditions.

Plans are available free by writing Weyerhaeuser Company, P. O. Box B 103, Tacoma, Washington.

Solid Oriental

Oriental-styled planters made of cast gray iron, finished in appropriate hues, make ideal gifts. Their solid construction eliminates danger of knocking over the planter and spilling its contents.

Research Offers New Form Board

Developed by research especially for siding and remodeling farm buildings, Masonite Farm-X now is available east of the Rockies who specialize in farm business.

A baked-on beige color paint primer immediately gives the building a finished appearance. Within a year after construction, one year after construction, one coat of good quality exterior paint is required.

The new product developed by the research and development department of Masonite Corporation is designed for farm applications where superior appearance and top quality performance are demanded.

Manufactured by Masonite's exploded wood process, the new farm board has exceptional internal strength, with no grain or knots. Equally strong in all surface directions, it resists racking and twisting. Farm-X is resistant to weather and is extremely stable and can be applied on 2" centers over open studs.

Available in 8' and 12' lengths and 4" widths for easy handling, the 1/4" thick Farm-X panels require as little as one-half the labor in applications as that needed for other sidings. The 2" length is an advantage because it saves labor and waste.

Dishwasher Goes Where You Go



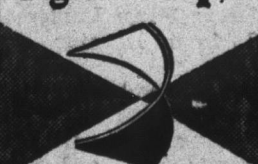
Portable electric dishwasher saves steps as well as time.

A dishwasher that goes to the table saves many a step. Portable electric dishwashers like the one above can be rolled easily to the dining table when dinner's over, to be loaded and rolled to the sink for the automatic washing operation.

Between washings they keep dirty dishes out of sight or store sparkling clean ones until needed. The top serves as extra counter space.

Since portables require no installation, they're ideal for apartments or temporary homes. They wash dishes as clean as built-ins do, but can be taken along when the family moves.

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Dishwasher Saves Time, Delegates Say

"An automatic dishwasher is a luxury until you have one and then it becomes a necessity," said one of the homemakers delegates to McCall's Fifth National Congress on Better Living.

Her statement expressed the majority opinion of the delegates from all 50 states who have electric dishwashers. Some of the other comments taped during a discussion of automatic dishwashers included these:

"I find they save an awful lot of time."

"It's like a maid for me. I spend my evenings with my husband now, rather than in the kitchen washing dishes."

"I like mine because you can put the breakfast and lunch things in it when you are in a hurry and wash once a day."

"They get dishes sanitary—could don't go through my family like they used to."

Some of the delegates who don't have automatic dishwashers learned that many of their pre-conceived notions about modern electric dishwashers were mistaken. They found out, for instance, that pre-rinsing dishes by hand is a waste of time if there's a new electric dishwasher in the house.

"Among my friends, I'm the only one who has a new dishwasher and there's no comparison between this and the others I have seen," one woman commented. "I never rinse them—just brush off loose food, and my dishes always come out clean," she explained.

A few of the women experimenters in the ways of automatic dishwashers told how they get "extra mileage" from them:

"I use it a lot for canning."

"I do the baby's bottles in the dishwasher before I sterilize them."

One woman even dries kitchen sponges and towels in her automatic dishwasher.

Remodeling Has Become Way of Life

Remodeling has become a way of life for the American family, delegates to McCall's Fifth National Congress on Better Living indicated when they met in Chicago. More than nine out of ten of the homemakers from all over the country who were delegates to the Congress own their own homes. Most of these, plus some who rent, do remodeling.

Why do they remodel? Mainly to add to or improve living space. They need more bedrooms, baths, and storage space, or they want a patio, a porch, a family room or carport.

Projects Easier Today
Whether the remodeling's done by the home owner or a professional, a wealth of both new and traditional building materials has made it easier, and often lower in cost, for today's families to plan and carry out remodeling projects.

Stock doors, windows, shutters, fireplaces, staircases and even complete entrances of ponderosa pine, for instance, are available today at building supply centers throughout the country. They come in a wide assortment of designs to blend with any decor, and are ready to install and paint or stain.

Reroofing—one of the projects many of the Congress' delegates are contemplating—is less costly and time-consuming when asphalt shingles are applied over the old roofing. Attractive as well as rugged, they are available in many colors, any one of which can add new beauty and value to any home.

Insulation Important

A complete new roof of asphalt shingles is an excellent means of tying a new addition in with the rest of the house.

Insulating properly—another project mentioned by the delegates—has also been simplified in recent years. Manufacturers now label batts and blankets of mineral wool with "R" numbers to help home owners buy the right insulation for complete comfort and fuel-saving. In many cases, the home owner can install batts or blankets of mineral wool himself.

Dishwasher Babies Delicate Glassware

The Glassware Institute of America says the safest way to wash any glassware, whether heavy-duty cookware or prized, delicate stemware, is in an electric dishwasher.

Today's automatic dishwashers get glassware spotlessly clean and shining without the risk of slipping from soapy hands. Cushioned racks in all types of electric dishwashers—portable, convertible, and built-in—hold glasses safely while they are sanitized by hot water and detergent, rinsed with clear hot water, and sometimes a special rinsing agent, and then dried to the traditional brilliance of good glassware.

CONVERTIBLE VERSATILE
Today's convertible electric dishwashers provide the same time and work-saving features as other models.

COPPER COMES CLEAN
Copper-bottomed pots, like all other types of cooking utensils, can be washed safely in automatic electric dishwashers.

Dutch Oven Cookout

When it comes to good old-fashioned camping cookouts western style, there's nothing like a cast iron dutch oven. You can cook with it right over a campfire and beans, stews, soups, biscuits (you name it) come out of the dutch oven tasting "scrumptious," to quote a young "cowboy." The cast iron does a real cooking job, through and through.

clude a playhouse, weekend guest cottage, boat house, or animal shelter.

Costing less than \$600 for materials, the structure is built on poles set into the ground. No foundation is required. Poles and bottom girts are treated with pent, which gives them a permanent resistance against fungus growth and insects.

Rigidity and attractive appearance are provided by Masonite "X-Ninty V-Groved" siding paneling, whose strength eliminates the need for any sheathing or diagonal bracing. Construction also is speeded by using these large size panels and the simple design.

Standard utility sash is specified. Use of old panel doors made into flush doors by covering them with Masonite 1/2" Tempered Presdwood helps keep costs at a minimum.

A free plan showing how the 12' x 20' combination carport and garden house is constructed can be obtained by writing to the Home Service Bureau, 29 N. Wacker Drive, Chicago 6, Ill.

Pole Building Is Versatile, Easily Put Up

Plenty of uses can be found for an easy to erect and economical pole type building. It can serve as a garage for a compact car or a garden tractor and at the same time be used as a green house or a garden working and storage building. Other possibilities in-

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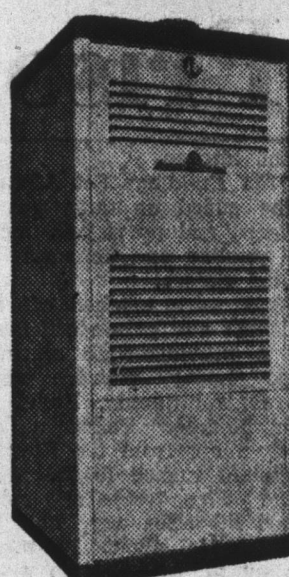
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