

Install Fireplace With Minimum Muss; Low Cost

The fireplace has, since the colonial period, been a tradition in the American home. The comfort and enjoyment of an open fire, without the high cost of masonry, is now possible through the development of prefabricated fireplaces.

These unique fireplaces, designed to satisfy every budget and style preference, make this American tradition a reality for every home or summer cottage.

Prefabricated fireplaces offer versatility and are exciting additions to home remodeling plans. At a fraction of the cost of a masonry fireplace, they can be used as the focal point in a room.

There's a fireplace for every remodeling scheme, from the rustic camp setting to the modern contemporary decor. They add a decorative touch to satisfy even the most discriminating homeowner.

There is a rising trend in installations of fireplaces in new homes. Although accurate statistics are not

available, this trend has also been evident in installations in older homes. While "do-it-yourself" has become a popular household word, the factory-built fireplace for home remodeling is becoming one of the most popular means of adding an unusual touch of charm to a room. Any handyman can install a prefabricated fireplace in from just a few hours to less than a day.

For example, the popular prefabricated Uni-built Fireplace is now available in five decoration designed models. Low cost and modern styling are features of each new model.

Several of these beautiful styled and functional Uni-built Fireplaces are finished in vitreous enamel with a selection of decorator colors. Other models are prime coated and can be painted any color to accent or harmonize with the room decor.

All fireplaces are quickly and easily installed, offering to the economy-minded homeowner a pleasant weekend "do-it-yourself" project.



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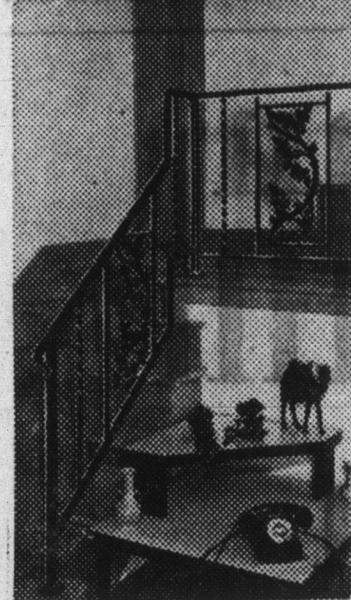
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HARD - TO - DECORATE AREAS are ideal spots pointing up the decorator effects achieved by use of ornamental wrought iron indoors. The guard rails offer both safety and beauty to the open stairway and corner.

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Redwood Paneling Ideal Interior - Exterior Material

Paneling with redwood gives a room interior the warmth of wood yet permits a more versatile expression not always possible with other materials.

Redwood also provides a diversity of tones and colors, grains and textures and has the ability to take a wide variety of different finishes.

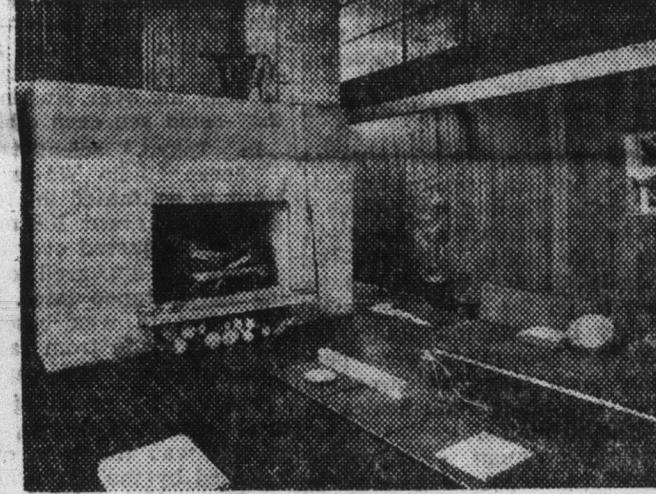
For an accent wall in a family room or den, for a bedroom, and even for bathrooms and kitchens, redwood paneling is finding increasing popularity thanks to its resistance to decay and insect attacks. And it stands up to moist conditions better than most woods. Redwood enhances indoor-outdoor living with beauty and durability and is equally suited to exterior siding as it is to interior paneling.

Smooth - surfacing redwood can be left unfinished in those areas that are safe from grease, dirt and moisture.

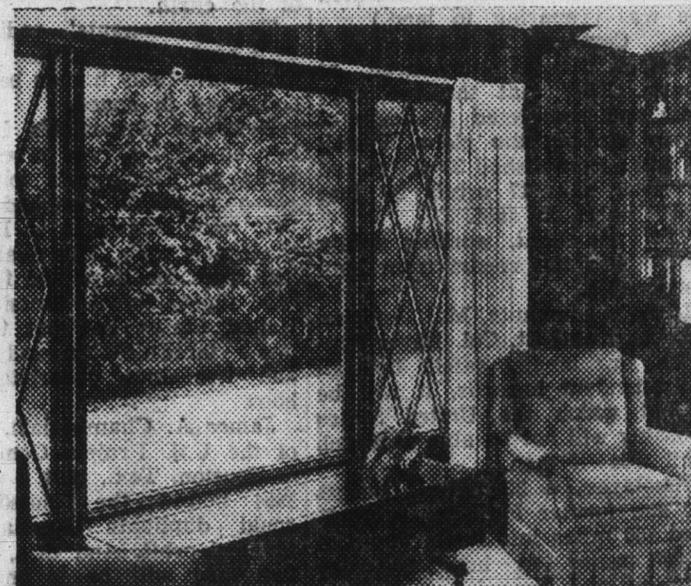
Unfinished redwood is carefree. An occasional fine sandpaper once over restores its fresh appearance.

Ranging from light pink to mahogany-tones, redwood also has a wide variety of texture and grains.

The sapwood is a light, creamy yellow. On A-grade redwood and other grades containing sapwood, a pleasing contrast is achieved for interior paneling by the dark tones of the heartwood with the gold of the sapwood.



REDWOOD PANELING blended with light brick, is used in architect Charles R. Colber's own home in Mtairie, Louisiana, California. Redwood Association's recent survey showed that 73 percent of 890 architects queried, who designed their own homes, used redwood.



DRAMATIZE THE SCENE in your picture window with a handsome "frame" like this. The fixed center section is flanked on each side by lovely casement windows—for a truly gracious decor note.

Do-It-Yourselfers Now Can Install Hardwood Floors

Thanks to manufacturing advances even a novice can install a hardwood floor in less than eight hours—if he can drive a nail, and thanks to a new special sized oak flooring designed for remodeling.

Called Bruce "Crestwood," the "midget" floor is only 3/8-inch thick, about half the thickness of regular oak strips. It lays right over old wood floors and installs so easily, says the manufacturer, that the do-it-yourselfers can begin in the morning and complete an average room in time for dinner.

A small four-inch tool guides nails and sets them at proper depth. This unique tool consists of a nailing plate, fitted to the tongue edge, and a matching nail set.

Sanding and finishing are eliminated. "Crestwood," for example, comes pre-sanded, pre-finished, even pre-waxed from the factory.

last nail is driven in, ready for immediate use when the

How to Make More Room For Children

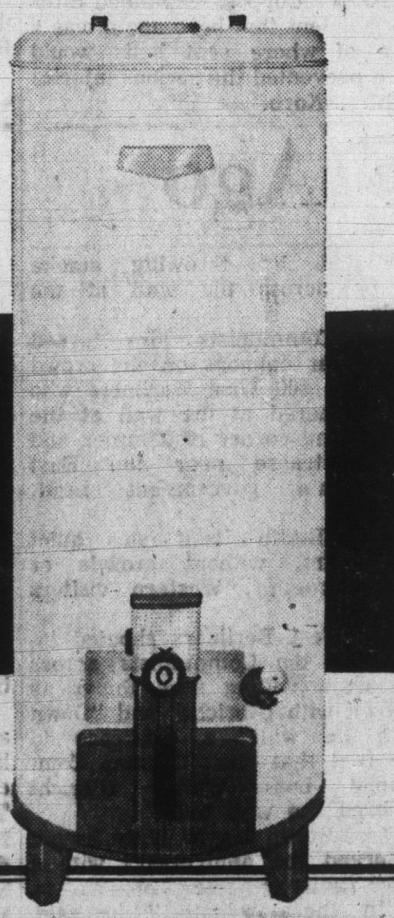
Children do grow up—a fact of life that many parents don't like to recognize.

When Willie shoots to the height of 6 feet and his brother, Junior, adds four inches to his height, it's high time that the boys are (1) given separate rooms or (2) a larger room with some privacy for each.

The most likely place for an extra room is the attic. This is usually large enough so that two boys, or girls, can be moved there, leaving the bedroom they had been occupying available for a den or guestroom.

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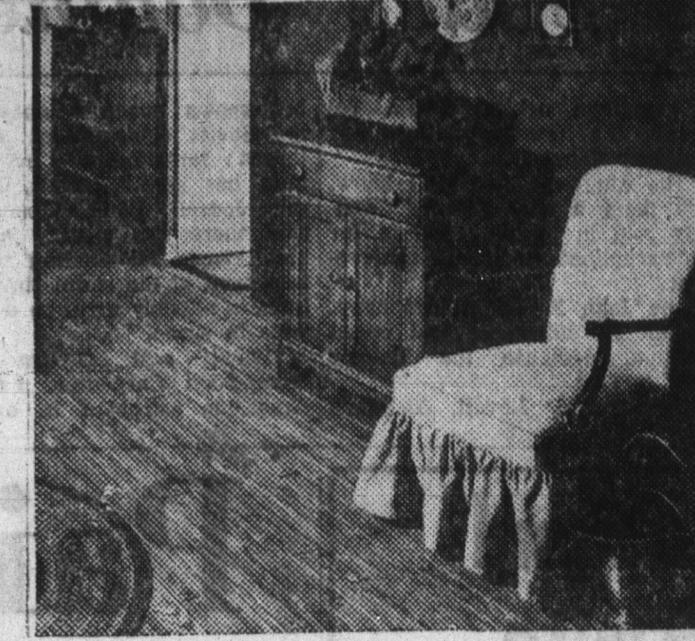


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Tips on Window Well Drainage

Wells around basement windows often become filled with a considerable amount of water during heavy rainstorms. This may seep into

a basement through a window. Therefore, such wells should be drained. Enough drainage is usually provided by digging out the compacted earth at the bottom to a depth of 26 in., and substituting gravel or sand. If this does not dispose of the water quickly, you can lead the water away through drain tile sunk below the window.



COPIED AUTHENTIALLY from historic plank floors of Early America, Ranch Plank provides fashionable footnotes to dens, family rooms and living rooms. One of the most popular ready-pegged floors available, it installs just like regular strip flooring, except that wide and narrow planks are alternated.

Looks Help Sell House What To Do

Appearance of a home offered for sale is important.

It pays to fix up in order to make a sale, according to John Concord, housing expert for Masonite Corporation. The reasons are simple:

1. The house will be sold more quickly. 2. You probably will get a top price. 3. You may deduct the fix-up expense for credit on your federal tax return.

Paint Exterior

Painting the exterior is one good way to get prospects' interest. Concord points out. Having the yard and landscaping in good trim makes a good impression. The chimney should be in good repair. And what about the driveway? Some blacktop will sharpen this critical area immediately.

Often one unusually attractive room can sell the house. It might be a kitchen, bathroom, living room or recreation room. If one of these needs brightening to star status, Concord suggests a wood-paneled room, using one of the factory-finished grain hardboards in walnut or cherry offered through lumber dealers by Masonite Corporation.

Clean Up All Rooms

Other rooms should not be neglected, of course, and here the owner has a choice of a thorough wall washing, painting, paneling or papering.

Considerable sales appeal often can be added by putting in functional features, such as a Peg-Board

an attic into living quarters is small compared to the real value gained in better living.

Consult any Design-Service-Council building supply dealer or other qualified lumber retailer for assistance in planning the renovation. Ask him about the new factory-finished Masonite wood-grained panels which come in two lines of decorator colors that require no finishing after installation.

The boys or girls who occupy this room can keep it clean easily, as only occasional wiping with a damp cloth is needed.

Walls That Wear Well

The dent and wear-resistant Masonite wood-grained hardboards, available in shades of walnut and cherry, can be installed easily over studs or existing walls by handyman or professional labor. Accent walls or versatile Peg-Board and rugged Seadrift can also be considered.

Take your ideas to the lumber dealer who can provide a design and counseling service. He can have your problem room translated by experts into a color rendering which will enable you to visualize the improvement before you do it. He also has at his command all the materials you'll need and he can arrange for carpenters and financing, too.



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