

Doors Do More Than Open, They Key Character of Home

Indoors, outdoors — the right doors can be a big asset to the appearance of a home.

Take the front entrance, for example. It's a key spot that calls for careful selection of the door, because that's where visitors and guests receive their first real impression of a house.

If a house is of Colonial or traditional architecture, a wood panel entrance door is almost mandatory. A trip to a building materials dealer will turn up a wide selection of styles and sizes in panel doors of ponderosa pine — all in stock or readily available. And the beauty of it is that many of these stock units are authentic reproductions of panel doors which were originally custom-made for 18th-century Colonial houses.

The modern copies make it easy to add a genuine Colonial touch without the need for costly custom work.

Interior doors are also available as stock items in authentic Colonial styles. Often doors are used as a unifying element by installing the same style at room entrances throughout a house.

For clothes closets, however, wood louver doors are often pre-



White-painted panel doors of ponderosa pine line handsome hallway leading to library of this Colonial home.

ferred. This type is gaining in popularity because the louvers permit air to circulate freely, helping to keep clothes fresh.

A colorfully illustrated 16-page booklet showing numerous traditional as well as many unusual ways to use stock wood doors has just been published. For a free copy of The Book of Door Ideas, write to Dept. HP, Ponderosa Pine Woodwork, 39 S. La Salle St., Chicago 3, Ill.

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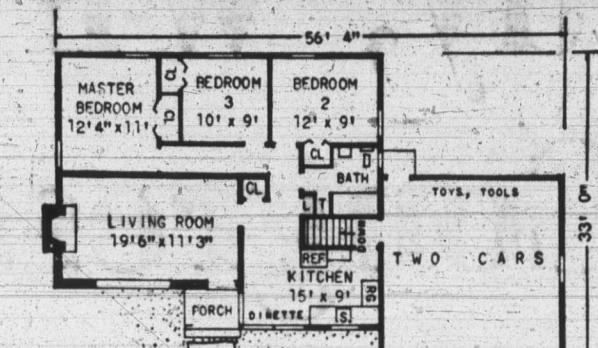


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Seeking Cool Comfort? You Can Pick and Choose



Something for everyone—here's a sampling of the many types of room air conditioners available this year: 1. Standard window unit; 2. Small size for basement windows; 3. Permanently installed through-the-wall model; 4. Window unit comes in wood cabinet; 5. Through-the-wall model with removable front panels that can be covered to match room decor. Each of these room air conditioners cools, dehumidifies, and filters the air.

It may well be true that you can't please everybody, but manufacturers of room air conditioners have come mighty close — especially in recent years.

First, the industry has voluntarily established a certification program which verifies the cooling performance of the room air conditioners.

Under this program, room air conditioners are tested by an independent laboratory to make sure the cooling capacity (in British thermal units per hour) and amps and watts are represented accurately. More than 90 per cent of all room air conditioners manufactured for sale in this country now are included in the certification program, which is sponsored by the National Electrical Manufacturers Association.

Second, consumers have a wider choice of units — in terms of cooling capacity, types and styling — than ever before.

For example, room air conditioners are available with a cooling capacity as low as 3,300 Btu's per hour, and as high as 32,000.

Hammer Hint

To prevent scratches and mars on your furniture while you are doing some upholstering, and to prevent the tack hammer from slipping off rounded tack heads, put a strip of adhesive tape on the head of your hammer.

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House That Grew With Family Saved Them From Moving Pangs

To move or not to move — that was the question facing the R. S. Jacksons of South Euclid, Ohio. With the arrival of their fourth child, their three-bedroom house had become too cramped for comfort, but they were reluctant to leave their pleasant neighborhood.

They solved the problem by building a two-story addition to their house on quiet, tree-lined Laclede Road.

Mr. Jackson placed his design for the addition in the hands of Squires Construction Company. The result is a new, over-sized garage and above it a bedroom, bath, walk-in storage area and a large linen closet.

The bedroom, now occupied by Peter, 6, and Steve, 5, features a large closet with storage drawers and wood louver doors, and two double-hung wood windows. The louver doors are ideal for closets because they allow air to circulate, helping to keep clothes fresh.

To integrate the new addition with the original house, a short overhang over the front porch was extended across the front of the addition. UL-labeled asphalt shingles like the ones which had provided years of protection on the old roof were used on the extended overhang as well as on the new roof area.

Siding was also matched — clapboard upstairs and vertical panels on the first floor. New louver shutters, painted to match exist-



AFTER — new addition, above, gives house better proportions, more living space. BEFORE — original house, right, had no garage, was too cramped.

ing ones, now flank the front window of the boys' room.

Although one of the materials used in remodeling can't be seen, the Jacksons consider it vital. It's mineral wool insulation, installed in walls and ceilings to meet recommended standards to help keep heating costs low and to make the new addition comfortable all year 'round.

"This past winter was a bad one," Mrs. Jackson commented, "but the boys' room was warm even when the temperature outside dropped to zero."

To keep construction costs

down while making the new section as attractive as possible, the Jacksons used stock woodwork of ponderosa pine. Windows, exterior shutters and louver doors are all precision-made units which came from the factory ready to be installed and painted.

Allergy Ills Relieved By Air Conditioner

If asthma or hay fever has you wheezing and sneezing your way through the summer, take heart. You may be able to cut down on the itchy eyes, stuffy nose and labored breathing by simply turning on the room air conditioner. The Medical Committee of the Allergy Foundation of America says that as long as you stay in an air-conditioned room, your symptoms often will be relieved.

And if you have an air conditioner in your bedroom, you won't be so apt to be kept awake in the night by battle for a breath of pollen-free air.

In using room air conditioners for the relief of symptoms, the Allergy Foundation cautions that it is important to set the thermostat of the air conditioner properly so that the temperature within the room is not more than 12° below that of the outside air. "Extreme cooling will often irritate the membranes of the nose and bronchial tubes," the voluntary health organization says in its booklet, "Asthma, Hay Fever and Other Allergies."

The benefits of air conditioning, the Federal Government now allows a medical expense tax deduction for room air conditioners purchased when physicians prescribed them as medically necessary for heart patients, asthmatics and allergens. The new deduction went into effect for the first time in 1962.

There were 97 million days of restricted activity reported due to asthma and hay fever in 1959.

Finger Protector

Protect your fingers from painful slivers or scratches when you are using steel wool to scour pans or perform other chores around the house, by cutting a hollow rubber ball in half and packing the halves with the steel wool.

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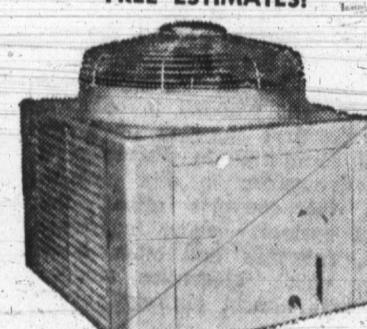
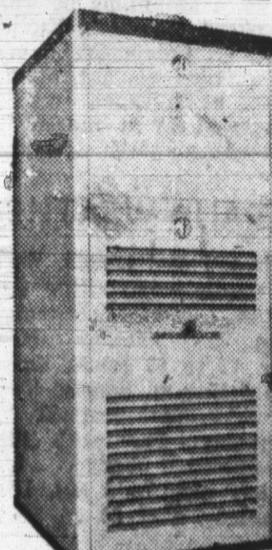
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make sure walls and floors won't be cold, especially when baby starts to crawl. You can do this, and add to cool summer comfort as well, by having your home thoroughly insulated with mineral wool.

Houses that are well insulated cost less to heat in winter and less to air condition in summer — an important consideration, since fuel costs are often a big item on the family budget.

It's easy to insulate a house that's being built. Batts and blankets of mineral wool can be installed in floors, ceilings and walls before interiors are finished. A house already finished can be insulated by a contractor who uses pneumatic equipment to blow mineral wool into ceilings, walls, and floors.