

## Average Handy-man Can Install Paneling

Only ordinary carpentry tools — hammer, saw and level — are needed to install today's modern wall and ceiling paneling.

Do-it-yourselfers have had good results working with 16" x 8" planks of plastic-finished hardboard, according to Robert Huff, home improvement director for Marlite paneling.

Each package of this paneling contains detailed installation instructions, Huff says, and handy-men can figure out the project

before putting up the first plank. When paneling a room with Marlite planks, always start from a corner and work around the room. First tack a level 1" x 2" starter strip of wood temporarily in place at the bottom of the wall.

The planks will rest on the strip during installation, but eventually the starter strip will be removed and a base molding will cover this space.

Before beginning the installation Huff advises, plan the spacing of the planks on the wall.

Then locate the first vertical joint by marking a plumb line the required distance from the corner. Trim the first plank, if necessary. Then apply adhesive to the plank and wall with a notched spreader.

Place the plank in position with the grooved edge toward the wall area to be covered. All Marlite planks have tongue and groove edges to simplify installation, Huff says.

Next fasten simple metal clips over the exposed groove edge. Clips should be placed 16" apart along the groove edge. The clips should be fitted snugly to the panel's grooved edge before being nailed to the wall.

Adhesive is applied to each plank before the tongue is inserted into the groove of the plank already installed. Press the planks gently together, allowing 1/16" in the joint. Huff points out that the clips are designed to help provide correct spacing between panels.

The planks have a tempered hardboard base that is strong and dent resistant. A baked plastic finish provides a permanent, washable surface.

Local lumber dealers carry the planks, which come in high-fidelity woodgrains as well as attractive colors. Matching moldings also are available. Marlite planks are 3/4" thick.

## Expert Home Fix-Up Help Is Available

Colors, furnishings, arrangements, design — all these phases of home modernization may scare the average family unless they are gifted artistically.

This problem may be more acute in rural areas, which often are remote from city cultural centers. Where do people turn for advice?

A growing number of lumber and building supply dealers, both city and country, now are offering one-step modernization service, complete with custom designing of a new living room, porch, recreation area, or kitchen.

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Sagging doors on farm buildings are easy to fix. Here's how: Remove the door and place it on a bench or saw horses. Square up the sides and place a panel of Masonite 3/16" Tempered Presdwood cut to fit on it. Fasten the panel securely with nails screws or bolts and then bevel the edges slightly. The hardboard panel can be applied to either side of the door.

Paint the door and rehang it.

### Bent Masonite Panel Forms Compost Bin

A single compost bin can be made by bending a panel of Masonite tempered hardboard into a big D, with the straight side being a garage or other building. The 4x8-foot sheet's ends should be fitted with 1x2-inch lumber. Holes drilled at the bottom, center and top should be struck with rope and knotted on the outside curves of the D to keep the bin in its curved position.

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Hooks can be placed in any position — even upside down — to meet the storage or display requirements.

From the appearance standpoint, the Delrin Peg-Board fixtures blend with any decor. Their edges are smooth and they are strong but light weight. They fit tightly in the perforations without jiggling.

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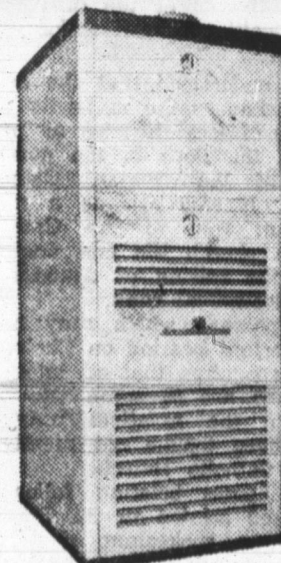
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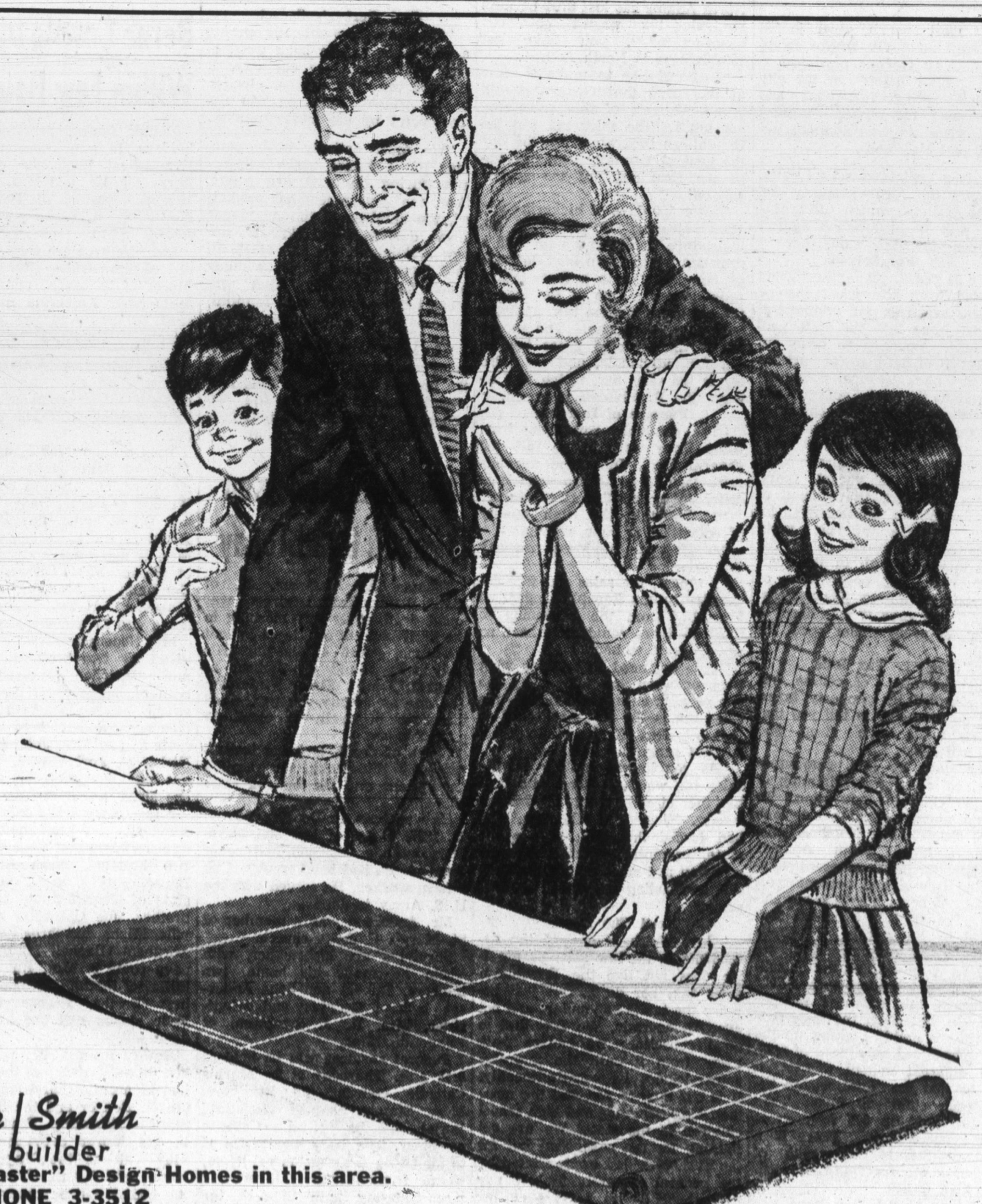
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