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Kitchen Decorating Made Easy

Practical ideas for kitchens of any shape, size or type are included in a full color decorating booklet prepared recently by Ving Smith, noted New York designer.

Smith shows how to combine colors effectively; when and where to use accessories; how to include a breakfast bar or other divider in the overall plan; novel ways in which to include a relaxation corner; new appliances and how to use them; and a series of eye-catching kitchen interiors.

The New York designer stresses the importance of combining good appearance with easy maintenance. He uses predecorated Marlite paneling for the walls cause it resists heat, stains and ceiling in the designs because.

This plastic-finished hardboard paneling can be damp-wiped clean; never needs painting or refinishing. It is available at local lumber dealers in a wide range of modern colors, high-fidelity woodgrains and decorator patterns.

To obtain a copy of this 24-page "Professional Guide to Room Planning and Interior Decoration," send 25 cents to the Home Service Bureau, P. O. Box 652, Dover, Ohio.

End Woes With Fix-Up; Why Move?

Many frustrating house defects that cause unhappiness can be remedied.

"Don't just move away from them; eliminate them," suggests the Masonite Home Service Bureau. "It's easier and less expensive that way."

Oversizing is a common complaint. In many instances, it can be cured by dividing a room, converting a porch or garage into living space, or adding on, the bureau points out.

Experts counsel on home improvements is available in many communities from registered Design-Service-Council lumber and building supply dealers. For a nominal fee, they will have the Masonite Design Center weave your ideas for an improvement into a well-designed project.

Blueprints and a full-color perspective will be furnished so you can "visualize before you modernize," the bureau says.

DSC dealers carry in full line of materials, including Masonite decorator panels and exterior hardboards, for all kinds of home improvements. For a list of dealers, write the bureau, 29, North Wacker Drive, Chicago 6, Ill.

Install Screen For Entry Hall

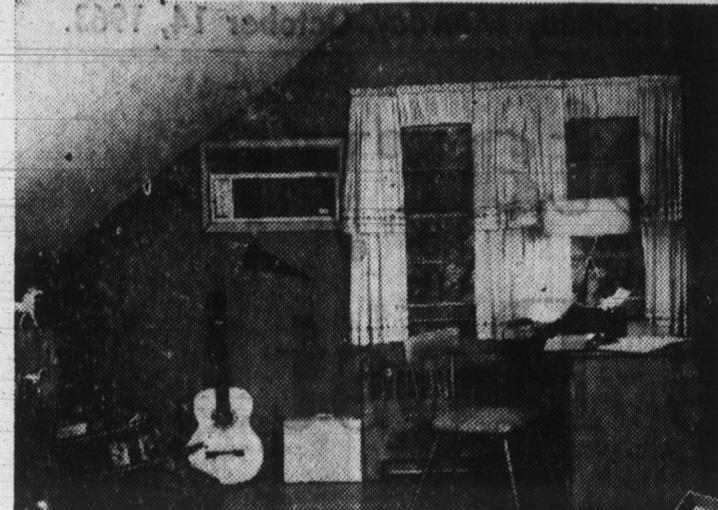
Need an entry hall? Install a permanent screen.

Make it on a framework of 2x4-inch lumber, five feet high and four wide.

Cover both sides and ends with factory-finished Masonite Royalco, available in handsome woodgrains. Suspend the screen between floor and ceiling for best appearance and ventilation, using poles fitted with springs. Also anchor it to the wall.

Door and window casing need not be changed when you surface the walls with Masonite Royalco, a factory-finished hardboard available in popular woodgrains.

Private Room for Study Boosts Youngster's Grades



New study-bedroom in attic has been insulated with mineral wool for year-round comfort and to make heating and cooling economical.

One way parents can help a child achieve the grades he needs is to provide him with a comfortable, distraction-free place to study. It should be well-lighted, quiet, and equipped with a good-size desk and comfortable chair.

Identically, a student should have a room of his own for sleep and study. If he doesn't have one now, a good place to make one is in the expansion attic of many post-war homes, or the catch-all space under the roof found in most older houses.

How simple or lavish you make the bedroom-study area is mostly a matter of personal taste and finances, but extra care should be taken with the key elements because of their importance in providing both comfort and utility.

To dispel darkness and help make a converted attic bright and cheerful, make full use of windows.

If possible, the desk should be placed near a window so that natural light passes over the left shoulder of the right-handed person, and vice versa.

Green Family No Longer Blue From Cold

Farm Home Maintenance Simplified

The walls around the back door in a farm home can become unsightly in short order if care is not taken to protect them.

One of the easiest ways to provide good looking, easy-to-clean walls in this area is to install plastic-finished Marlite right over the old surfaces. This plastic-finished hardboard paneling, which will withstand abrasions and hard knocks, can be damp-wiped clean.

Even messy handprints and dabs can be removed with a sudsy cloth. The predecorated paneling, which comes in modern colors, handsome woodgrains and pleasant patterns, does not require periodic painting or refinishing.

Wind-Resistant Roof Flouts Hurricanes

It's time to batten down houses in high-wind areas for the storm season. The first spot to check is the roof, because once it's damaged the rest of the house and its furnishings are wide open to the driving rains that sweep along with most storms.

The insulation contractor, using pneumatic equipment, blew mineral wool into walls, ceilings and floors, making a complete blanket around the heated sections of the house. He followed the standards recommended by the National Mineral Wool Insulation Association to provide maximum comfort and lower heating costs.

Roofers, home owners and housing officials in hurricane and other high-wind areas of the country have found that self-sealing asphalt shingles with the Underwriters' Laboratories wind-resistant label have successfully withstood 100-mph hurricanes.

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Program Home Upkeep For Good Living Values

Planning ahead on your home improvements keeps your house in good trim, modern and pleasant. It's easier on the family budget too.

A five-year program makes good sense for many, as it takes into consideration growing youngsters and changing family needs, according to the Masonite Home Service Bureau.

"The way to maintain a home's living and actual values," says the bureau, "is to keep it up. One year, it may mean buying a new living room suite; another, repainting the exterior; another, installing air-conditioning.

"Without improvements, values decline. With them, the home is pleasant in which to live and entertain."

The bureau suggests a family conference to plan a five-year home improvement program. This should result in decisions and a list. Dad and mom can take it from there, dealing directly with their qualified lumber and building supply dealer, whose training and experience fit him to aid his customers.

If he is a Design-Service Counsel dealer, he can offer custom designs to fit the family's needs for such an improvement as converting a porch into a study or family room. He can recommend contractors and finance plans.

Instead of painting the house, the bureau says, the family may prefer a prefinished hardboard siding, guaranteed for 10 years and most likely good for many more without anything but washing. Polycoated siding, available in four colors, now is available in the eastern half of the country

Sliding Doors Easy To Make

through Lumaside, Inc., national distributor.

In door improvements also may utilize factory-finished hardboards, such as Masonite Royalco in teak, elm, walnut, cherry, oak and pecan. They, too, last for years with simple damp-wiping as maintenance.

Slab Porch Converted Into Room

When a house has only a slab for a front porch, family members must enter with muddy or wet shoes, dripping or snow-covered coats.

A secretary, living alone in such a house, decided to build a room on the slab.

She hired a contractor to enclose the space, measuring approximately 8 by 10 feet, leaving ample windows and finishing the interior walls with Masonite Royalco woodgrain paneling.

To match the board and batten exterior of the frame home, the contractor installed a hardboard siding with a built-in batten called Masonite Sunline.

The secretary painted it herself.

The protected porch now provides an extra sitting room and a place to put wet footwear and raincoats.

"I feel a lot safer, too, with an enclosed porch," she tells friends.

For ideas on dressing up on enclosed porch, send a postcard to the Home Service Bureau 29 North Wacker Drive, Chicago 6, Ill., requesting free plan AE-275.

Heatwave Mere Ripple Thanks to Insulation

Dog days don't dog human beings who've thoroughly insulated the walls, ceilings and floors of their homes with mineral wool.

Although it's permanently out of sight, insulation has a visible effect on the way people—and dogs—feel, look, and act, summer and winter. Temps no longer sizzle with the heat or curlie with the cold, because thorough insulation helps keep the house mint-cool all summer and toast-warm all winter.

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