

## Here Are Two Practical Solutions To Perennial Home Storage Problems

There are two solutions to the home storage problem. One, build a new closet in the basement or attic. The second is to make an existing closet a dual-purpose storage unit.

In either case, the closet can be outfitted to handle out-of-season articles by lining it with aromatic red cedar. Perhaps the most notable feature of this southern wood is its fragrance,

which humans find appealing, but moths detest.

The aroma from the cedar paralyzes moths in the larva stage so that they starve instead of feasting on valuable woolens and furs.

### No Finishing

In addition to its permanent moth-repellency, aromatic red cedar closet lining has a distinctive rose and white appearance, which lends a decorative highlight to any closet. The combination of good appearance and moth-repellency makes a cedar-lined closet an important selling point, too, when a house is put on the market.

On the practical side, aromatic red cedar doesn't need to be painted or finished at any time. Red cedar closet lining, which is available at lumber yards in pre-packaged bundles, is made in pieces that are tongue and grooved along the edges and ends for quick and snug installation. The wood is easy to saw. The pieces are nailed on horizontally.

**Cover Entire Surface**

In lining a closet the more of the surface you cover with aromatic red cedar, the stronger

the aroma will be to repel moths. For maximum effect, line not only the walls and ceiling, but also the floor and inside of the door.

When lining an old closet, remember that the material can be put up right over plaster or any other solid backing. Nail into the studs. There will be a stud at each corner of the closet, and the others usually can be found by measuring from the corner.

In most cases the studs are spaced with centers 16" apart. Exact location can be determined with a stud-finder by tapping or punching small nail holes.

Start applying the cedar at the bottom. The first piece is placed in a corner, with the grooved edge down and the groove end next to the corner.

The tongue end fits into the groove end of the next piece. These joints need not occur at studs since the tongue and groove fitting will hold the pieces securely in place. Nailing on the face of a piece rather than the tongue is recommended to avoid splitting the wood.

In applying the next course, or row, tap each piece lightly along the top edge to make sure it fits tightly before nailing. If the pieces for several courses are laid out and cut ahead, it will speed the work and help assure an attractive arrangement of end joints.

In cutting the last piece for a course, be sure to saw the tongue end, not the groove end. If pieces for the top course must be cut lengthwise, remember to leave a groove edge to fit the tongue below it.

The same general directions should be followed in covering the ceiling, floor and door.

**Moldings Available**

The fit in corners need not be precise if you're going to use quarter-round there. In any event, use quarter-round molding where walls and floors meet to assure a professional appearance.

Be sure that all clothing is free of moths when put in the cedar-lined closet. Wash or clean soiled articles first, or brush them well and air dry in the sun for several hours.

### Perk Lid

If you want to put your signature on your home, which happens to be a row house, here's an idea. Set four or more posts of western red cedar along either side of the walkway and then build a perk shade screen above of 1x6 cedar boards spaced at six inch intervals. You can stain or paint the installation to add charm.

### Pool Gazebo

A useful accessory for swimming pools is a gazebo built along one side. Roofed with an open, trellis style system of Douglas fir beams, supported on 4x4 posts, the gazebo provides a shady cooling off spot for swimmers and a place for adults to lounge in comfort while watching children. Cool gazebo will prove a favorite spot for summer outdoor living, entertaining and dining.

### No Stain

A good thing to remember is that you don't have to stain your patio deck boards. If you use either western red cedar or Douglas fir you will find that they will weather in a year to a soft, silvery grey. If you stain, you merely ask of a maintenance problem.



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## Rough Sawn Paneling Does Not Show Scuff and Kick Marks

Does your lively, growing family leave dents, scuff marks and evidence of boisterous energy on your home walls? Are you faced with the problem of constant repair, painting and redecorating?

Then, maybe Robert C. Douglas, Portland architect, has the answer to your problem.

"Use a durable wall" says Douglas, "which will not show the marks of the younger members of the family."

"I have decided" Douglas reports, "that the best possible wall for children's rooms, family rooms or play spaces, is a wall of rough sawn lumber. The rough texture absorbs most blows, knocks and kicks without showing a mark on the rough texture."

"Actually," he suggests, "you need very little maintenance on such a wall, once you have in-

stalled it. I generally apply a serviceable stain at time of installation and this seldom needs any further attention for several years, or unless the family wants a different color stain."

One thing you get in this durable, rough sawn wall texture, Douglas pointed out, is a charming elegance usually associated with very high priced construction. Actually, wood paneled walls he said, are among the least expensive surfaces.

"I generally use either rough sawn western red cedar," he pointed out, "or rough sawn Douglas fir center matched panel boards for my walls. I like to use narrow widths generally six and eight inch wide because they form an interesting pattern."

Another feature of the rough sawn walls, he points out, is the ease with which storage cabinets can be concealed in the walls. This is very important in the modern family room where storage is needed to house all the indoor play gear of the present generation family.

Behind wood paneled walls can be hidden hi-fi equipment and record players as well as storage space for toys, games, books, projection machines and screens, Douglas observed.

Many homes today are designed for maximum outdoor living, the architect said, and a studied effort is made by the designer to tie the indoors and the outdoors together as often as possible. By using the rough sawn cedar and fir paneling, this tie between indoors and outdoors is developed to an intriguing degree.

So, for long life in your walls where there is a family of extra active children, rough sawn wall paneling of either western red cedar or Douglas fir will save upkeep headaches and will always look elegant.

### Household Scrapbook By Roberta Lee

#### Suede Shoes

When your suede shoes become stained looking, first brush to remove dust particles, then hold the shoes over the spout of a steaming-kettle — enough to raise the nap, but not long enough to get the shoes wet. A steam iron is wonderful for this too. Then brush the nap with a soft brush, and let the shoes dry before donning them again.

#### Drilling Glass

To bore a hole in glass, use a regular steel drill, and keep the point of contact saturated with camphorated oil or turpentine. The ease with which this is done will surprise you. Be careful though! Don't exert too much pressure!

#### Window Sweat

If you have trouble with your windows and walls "sweating" while the heat is on during the winter months, try opening your windows the least bit — from the top, if possible.

#### Bottle Caps

Glue, shellac, and other sticky materials contained in bottles or jars with screw caps create a big problem when it comes to preventing the cap from sealing itself. You can overcome this by applying a little petroleum jelly to the glass threads at the top of the bottle.

#### Cotton Removal

If cotton is stored in a bottle to keep it clean and dry, but you find it difficult to remove the cotton — try removing the cotton with a jig or coping saw blade fastened to a cork stopper. Works real fine!

#### Soot On Carpets

Soot may be removed from carpets and rugs by sprinkling salt over the spot and removing with a soft brush. Follow with a brisk brushing, and finish by sponging with ammonia water.

#### Stubborn Screw

If all your efforts to remove a screw have been for naught, don't give up. Try again with the heated end of a screwdriver.

## More Clothes, More Possessions Pose Storage Problem in Homes

Where shall we put it? This is the eternal question asked by every family as it tries to find places to store larger wardrobes—and to provide a place for golf, fishing, hunting and other hobbies produces problems in logistics and housekeeping.

The answer, of course, is to plan your storage needs, and this is exactly what the smart architect does today as he develops every odd corner into ingenious storage space.

The walls have been converted into storage havens as designers make use of one of the assets of a frame house. It is easy to design a wall of extra width to house closets and storage units of various sizes and shapes in every room of the house, when the walls are wood studied.

Wall storage units are so ingeniously designed with flush doors of the same wood paneling as the walls, that many of these Captain Kidd treasure troves are concealed from view until a secret latch is released.

Walk-in wall closets in the bedroom are so carefully tailored that the walls appear to be unbroken paneling and the maximum of floor space is available without clutter of chests and moveable drawer units. Among popular woods used for this type of paneling are west coast hemlock and Douglas fir in various tones and groove patterns. The doors are cut to match the joints where two boards come together.

Wall storage is becoming a popular study as families try to plan units which will house hi-fi systems, conceal television sets, provide space for games, movie projectors and screens, card tables and games of all kinds. Long narrow spaces make ideal card table storage and solve storage problems which have haunted families for generations.

No longer need the card table be hidden behind the door to pose a hazard to toe and ankle. New type of kitchen storage, of course, has raised design art to a high level of efficiency as the housewife has finally come into her own with a kitchen that works. The ideal kitchen is one which fits the needs of the woman for whom it is built, one leading home architect points out, and this means a custom-made kitchen. A kitchen designed in wood, he said, gives the widest possible flexibility in design where every cabinet, work surface and storage space is tailored to fit the space. One of the popular woods being widely used in kitchen paneling and cabinetry is west coast hemlock with Douglas fir running a close second.

Outside storage, now that many homes do not have basements, is being solved with a variety of enterprising approaches. Storage units to form one or more walls around the carport seem to offer a logical place for outside storage and here full size walk-in cabinets can be designed which will house all sorts of garden tools, sports gear like fishing and hunting paraphernalia, and the smaller rolling stock of the family, like bikes and trikes. These storage units are usually sided in the same western red cedar siding as the home to match.

Some families with more yard space have separate garden tool houses which provide extra storage space for all outdoor play gear. Since many families spend many more hours outdoors, and use all sorts of yard furniture which must be stored for the winter, the problem of providing this off-season space is solved in

several ways. Space above the carport rafters can be floored to provide ideal storage for chairs, tables and other summer time yard living.

The big secret in getting the most livable possible home is to plan your storage when you do your basic home planning.

## New Iron Burner Improves Gas Heat

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The multiple-port cast iron burners provide many small, efficient flames surrounded by air to assure complete combustion. The small gas ports are long enough to eliminate "striking back" (burning inside the burner) and distribute the heat concentration, avoiding hot spots. This design is used for gas cooking ranges as well as for furnace boilers.



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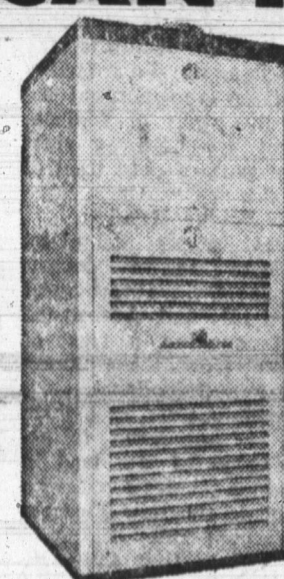
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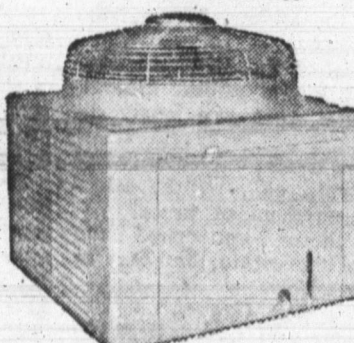


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