

## Cedar-Lining a Closet Becomes Easy Week-end Project for Dad

One of the easiest home improvement projects for Dad is lining a closet with aromatic cedar. This is an ideal week-end project, and it provides moth-repellent storage space for less than it would cost to replace a coat ruined by moths.

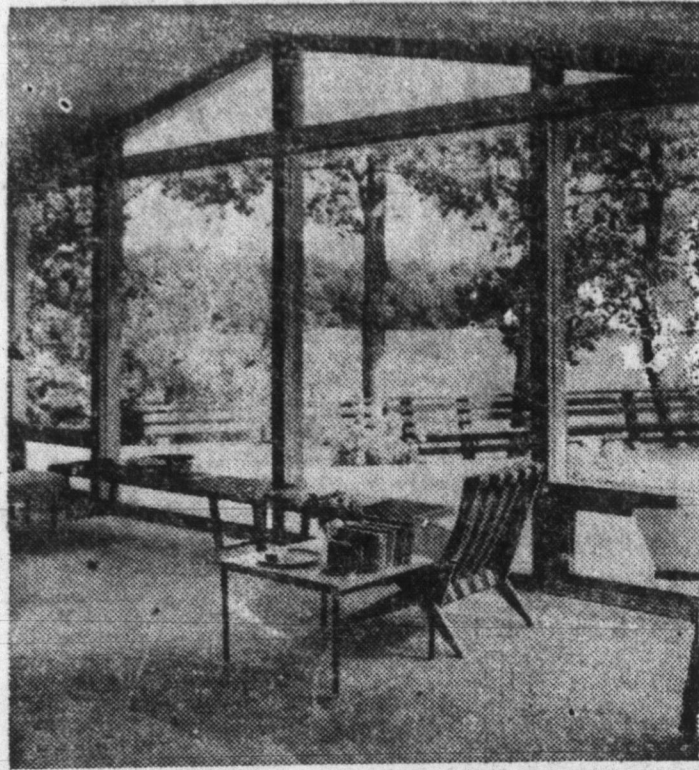
The whole project can be done in several hours because the pieces of red cedar are nailed right over the walls, ceiling and floor. Tongue and groove edges and sides simplify the fittings of the pieces. Joints need not occur over studs, since the tongue and groove design forms a strong "weird."

Simply start at the bottom of one wall, in a corner, and work across the wall to the other corner. Use the same technique for each succeeding row until you complete the entire wall.

No finishing is necessary, which is a welcome note for the busy handyman. Paint or varnish would tend to seal in the cedar's natural fragrance, which drives away moths.

Aromatic red cedar closet lining comes in pre-packaged bundles, which are easy to handle. Local lumber dealers stock this material, as well as special cedar shelving and molding.

# No Space For Special Hobby Center? Make More Use Of Your Living Room



HERE'S A COMBINED LIVING-FAMILY ROOM with design features allowing it to function not only as a sitting area, but also as a hobby center reflecting the family's outdoor interests. Versatile furniture and Thermopane window walls allow family members to read, work, dine and entertain in the spaciousness of close indoor-outdoor unity.

## Bedroom Excellent Spot For Family Hobby Center

Why use a bedroom only one-third of every day?

It can be a hobby center for an adult or child, too.

"A bedroom's an excellent place for a quiet hobby such as stamp or coin collecting, sewing, or drawing and similar spare-time activities," suggests John Concord of the Home Service Bureau.

For studying, reading or writing — also, it readily may be used as a sleeping quarters — even when someone is asleep. In that event, of course, a simple screen, which can be made in the home workshop of Mason.

ite woodgrained hardboard panels on lumber framing, will give

the sleeper privacy and protection against light from a lamp.

A bedroom hobby center most easily can be established in a corner, the bureau said. To set it aside from the rest of the room, paneling is desirable.

Woodgrained Masonite hardboard, available in nine shades, can be put up right over the old walls with minimum work and expense. Durable and beautiful, the factory-finished panels require no maintenance except occasional damp-wiping.

Other essentials include a desk, a lounge chair, hassock, light with a dark shade and a folding screen if a sleeper is present.

## Star Shines in Kitchen, Too



NEXT TO A NEW ELECTRIC RANGE, the best kitchen helper a woman can have is a husband who can cook. And the best way to encourage him to learn is to make it easy, as this built-in electric range does. Walter Slezak, TV, stage and screen star — and gourmet cook — is shown stirring up a hearty Hungarian goulash in a two-listed male manner. A thermostat control will permit long, slow simmering without worrisome watching.

### SELF CLEANING

Cooking elements in electric ranges never need cleaning. Food spilled on them quickly burns off. For cleaning underneath, some can be lifted up, others are removable.

### TAKE YOUR PICK

Some modern electric ranges have dial-type infinite heat controls. Others have push-button controls for heat selection. Both are accurate and easy to use.

Your living room doesn't have a particular function. It can be just a sitting room or a distinctively different room re-

flecting your particular interests and designed especially for your use.

When space or finances don't permit you to have a special room for your hobby or favorite pastime, take a second look at your living room. It can meet any of these needs — and more.

"Even if you use your living room primarily for entertaining, it still can double as a hobby center," according to Ralph Sherwin, chief designer of Libby-Owens-Ford Glass Company.

"Use your imagination in design and decoration. There are an infinite number of ways to keep your living room beautiful and functional — yet different," he said.

FOR EXAMPLE, you can use a living room wall or corner for your hobby area. A desk or table and comfortable chair placed near a window can be the foundation for this section, providing you with plenty of work space and ample light for close work. Shelves on an adjoining interior wall will give plenty of storage space for albums, while desk drawers provide space for hobby tools and accessories. Shelves can be built into a pattern glass room divider to permit more privacy in other areas of the living room.

Your living room also is an ideal place to display your hobby. There's no better place for relatives, friends and neighbors to inspect your favorite needlework, model airplanes, potted plants, or hunting trophies. Even smaller items such as stamps or coins can be displayed in a "personalized" living room-hobby center combination.

THE KEY to displaying your hobby also is "imagination. Shelves, tables and walls all are possibilities. For example, the most colorful stamps from your collection can be mounted in an interesting pattern, framed and hung on the wall. If your hobby is gardening, your prize plants and flowers can be arranged into attractive combinations and integrated into the style and color of the overall room decor.

Your hobby offers a myriad of design possibilities for the theme of the entire living room. If model ships are your interest, an anchor, naval flags or pictures of ships could accent your displays of the models. Trophies for excellence in sports could be arranged with pictures relating to the sport or souvenirs of particular games.

A FAMILY with outdoor interests easily can bring beauty of the outdoors into the living room with a glass wall or picture window of Thermopane insulating glass. This "Open World" room provides ample natural light for all indoor activities.

"These are just a few examples of how you can make your living room a symbol of your own interests, talents and abilities," Mr. Sherwin said.

"Don't let the usual concepts of a living room stop you from creating a place where you will spend many happy hours," he concluded.

## Remodeling Old Kitchen Takes Care

Kitchen remodeling, one of the most popular home improvement projects, requires careful planning if the greatest possible benefit is to be realized from the dollars spent.

A badly arranged kitchen, no matter how costly, may mean many extra steps a day for the homemaker, plus the annoyance of having the family traipsing through her busiest work area. It is advisable to get expert advice on kitchen design before any work is done. Many electric utilities have a free kitchen planning service.

Again, a brand new kitchen that's perfectly designed for efficiency will be far from fully efficient if the old appliances are retained. This is false economy for several reasons, the principal one being that new automatic electric appliances do their work far better than older ones—even though the older ones may still work well.

New electric appliances also look better. An outdated, "round-shouldered" range, for instance, that doesn't fit flush with sleek new cabinets is an eye-sore.

New electric ranges provide great flexibility of kitchen design. With at least six basic styles to choose from, each with a variety of sizes, features, and finishes, the kitchen planner has much more leeway in both kitchen arrangement and decor. The homemaker can choose exactly the cooking features that suit her needs and she can have ovens, cooking elements and controls at the right height for her.

One of the most enjoyable features of a new kitchen is its clean appearance and the ease with which it can be kept clean.

Built-in electric appliances can be included in an FHA loan for kitchen remodeling.

## Envy-Green Families Turn Pleasure-Pink In New Kitchens

Green is the color of apartment dwellers when they see their home-owning friends' modern kitchens. Apartment buildings—at least the older ones—are notorious for their outdated kitchen appliances.

But FHA, recognizing that more and more families are becoming permanent apartment dwellers, has now made it possible for them to have up-to-date kitchens with modern built-in electric appliances.

Until recently, FHA Title I loans for built-in kitchen appliances such as electric ranges were limited to single-family homes. The regulation was amended recently to make such loans available for buildings with two or more kitchens if the borrower and the dealer or contractor certify that the improvements, installation, alterations and repairs conform with all applicable building codes and zoning regulations.

## NEW WALL PAINT COLORS WHISPER OR SHOUT

Colors that whisper and colors that shout are both making home decorating news this spring. So says Bryan E. Trout, manager of the Sherwin-Williams branch at 222 North Second Street, who is introducing five new wall paint and enamel colors.

The "whispering" colors are three pastels named Morning Sun, Juniper and Firefly. The "shouting" shades are two accent colors: Italian Olive and Bonfire.

"The pastel colors are subtle quiet tints designed to provide an interesting, yet unobtrusive background for home furnishings," Trout explained. "Morning Sun is a pale orange-pink that goes well with greens and browns. Juniper is a soft grayed-green that fits beautifully into today's smart blue-green color combinations. Firefly, a rich yellow with smoky undertones, is a perfect companion for the highly popular gold and bronze tones."

"The accent shades are much more insistent colors," the local businessman said. "They provide decorative exclamation points in rooms of quiet decor. Italian Olive is a deep, bronzy green. Bonfire is a brilliant, penetrating orange."

Twenty-one variations of the five new colors are also available. The variations are made by tinting the original colors. This is done in the store with a color tinting machine that can produce more than a thousand colors in wall paint and enamel.

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Extra table linens and silverware are protected, but quickly available, in this good-looking buffet storage chest. You can build it yourself with a free plan available from Douglas Fir Plywood Association, Tacoma 2, Washington. It's not difficult to build, although power tools simplify the bevel and angle cutting.

## Buffet Stores Silver, Linens

An evening or two in your basement workshop is all it takes to add a linen and silverware buffet to your household furnishings.

The unit has five large drawers, plenty big enough to accommodate table linens and silver chests. The buffet is versatile enough in use and appearance to make it welcome in the bedroom, too. Or a pair finished to match would be welcome living-room sidepieces.

Detailed working drawings are

available free from Douglas Fir Plywood Association, Tacoma 2, Washington.

The plans call for a panel and a half of 3/4-inch fir plywood, and half a panel of 3/4-inch. You can handle the job with hand tools, although a power saw would simplify making bevel cuts necessary for a top appearance.

The buffet is 29 inches high, 30 inches long and 23 3/4 inches deep. Effective depth of the drawers is 3-9/16 inches.

### LESS MESS, DAD

Male cooks make marvelous meals — and leave monstrous messes, many wives say. If Dad cooks on a modern electric range, the aftermath will be easier to handle because the new electric ranges stay cleaner during cooking and are easy to clean later.

### ADDS DRAMA

A fence or screen with vertical louvers effects a dramatic background for a fruit tree espaliered against its textured surface. In addition to creating privacy, fences and screens heighten garden drama and act as foils for statuary or special interest plants.

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