

# Wallpaper Is One Of Easiest And Economical Ways To Give Older Rooms A Smart And More Modern Appearance

A good homemaker is quick to catch on to new and easy ways to improve her home. She knows what experts in the decorating field are saying, that with the right choice of wallpaper anyone can make the single most dramatic change in any room decoration at the least expense.

Many new manufacturing processes have been adopted by the wallpaper industry. Wet-strength

paper stock has produced a wallpaper that is easy-to-handle whether it is wet or dry. By eliminating the fear of tearing the wallpaper, the industry has given added confidence to the home decorator who is hanging paper for the first time.

Also, for the homemaker who wishes to hang paper herself, wallpapers today may be purchased both trimmed and pasted. All that is needed is to read the simple

instructions enclosed with every roll of paper telling how to "submerge in water and hang."

This is a great time saver, and, by having the paper electronically trimmed there is complete assurance of a needle-straight cut throughout the entire length of the roll, allowing each successive strip to have a matching pattern.

With so much of the work done for her it is simple to see how the modern homemaker can re-wallpaper a whole room in a short time. Whether the paper is purchased with edges untrimmed, trimmed, or trimmed with the paste already applied to the back, one way to give a smart professional look to the wall is but "butting the edges." As one strip of paper is hung and the next is put up . . . slide the edges together closely with the palm of the hand. It's a good idea to use a seam roller or easter to roll down the seams between two strips for a "tight joint."

Another improvement in today's wallpapers is the addition of plastic resins. These plasticized wallpapers come either plastic-coated or plastic-impregnated. In either case, the consumer can learn just what type she is getting by referring to the back of the paper.

For some papers the manufacturer guarantees that they are completely scrubbable and that the removal of such difficult items as lipstick and serious grease stains are no problems at all.

A trend in the completely scrubbable wallpapers is that they are available now in patterns so lovely to look at they have taken on more "territory" in the home.

These new, easy-to-clean papers are often light and airy in feeling. Repeat patterns with a scenic effect, miniature florals, finely drawn figures and interesting geometrics are now found and are used not only in the kitchen, but in the dining room, in a den, foyer or game room.

## 'Lay Foundation' For More Living Area With Tile

Your basement or even your garage can become an attractive workshop or a pleasant playroom—with tile flooring.

Asphalt, rubber, cork or vinyl tiles are practical and easy to install in a variety of colors, and since they are laid a block at a time, there's almost a limitless opportunity to create a floor design that exactly suits any decorative scheme.

First of all, it's important that primer and cement will stick to the surface of the concrete. Installation should not be attempted until you are certain the floor is dry.

Also make sure that the surface of the concrete is smooth, level and hard. Cracks should be filled by applying crack filler with a putty knife.

When you buy your tiles, your local dealer will furnish you with step-by-step directions for preparing, designing and laying your tile. If you follow these carefully, you'll have a floor you can be proud of!

A frequent waxing and an occasional washing will keep its surface protected from dirt and assure long life.

Plan now to make your basement an extra "livable" room at low cost to you!

## Modern Baths Point-Up New 'Easy Look,' Too

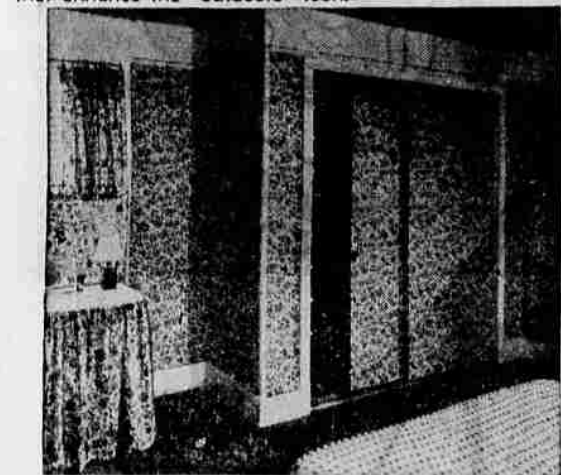
Today's bathroom, with its many colored fixtures symbolizes the trend to comfortable, gracious living.

The bathroom is no longer the forgotten room it used to be when insufficient space and inadequate fixtures were common handicaps. Small, cramped bathrooms usually could accommodate only one person at a time while the rest of the family waited their turn in line. Then, too, the fixtures as well as the bathroom were monotonously white.

The modern bath provides a sharp contrast to its older counterpart. Twin fixtures, separate compartments, regular and junior-sized equipment, plus good lighting and ventilation have brought imagination and color into bathroom planning.



**GARDEN ROOM**—All the charm of a garden room is caught in the mood of this handsome, brick-patterned wall paper. A planter box and terracette furniture further enhance the "outdoors" look.



**WALLPAPER TRICKS**—An old room takes on a new bright look with matching-pattern wallpaper and fabric. Space-illusion is created by covering the closet doors with the same paper as the walls. Wallpaper can help hide many architectural flaws. To further create the idea of more space, vanity skirt and curtains also match the paper.

## Many Jobs Of Fix-Up About House Can Be Easily Tackled By Handyman

Americans are fast becoming a nation of homecraftsmen; and 172 million dollars a year are invested in power tools alone. People have found they enjoy remodeling, repairing and modernizing their homes inside and out. They save money and achieve a great amount of personal satisfaction in saying "I did it."

Maybe you have never lifted a finger to drive a nail, but would like to be creative. There are many worthwhile do-it-yourself projects that the average homemaker with no special technical knowledge can do.

Make your first do-it-yourself project a simple one. Take advantage of new tools, pre-cut materials and instruction kits made especially for the home craftsman.

You can beautify your kitchen, bath or den with easy to install wall and floor tiles. Many come with a complete laying kit.

Lightweight, knock-down kitchen ordinary tools and will save you

dollars. You can cover table-tops with leather or marble-like materials which have self-adhesive backs.

You'll find decorating is easy with pre-cut, ready to hang wallpapers. By using a paint roller instead of a brush, painting will be simple even for the novice.

With pre-mixed cement (you just add water), you can pour gutters, culverts, lay a flagstone patio or walk and sidewalks.

Pre-finished plywood wall panels can be installed with special adhesives instead of nails; thus, you can quickly and economically redecorate any room.

Knocked-down, unpainted furniture can be bought at moderate cost. You can easily assemble and finish it yourself.

Plan now to do one of these easy-do-it-yourself projects. Don't be afraid to be original and don't worry about making mistakes. The real pleasure and satisfaction of any project is in its creation.



**A TWO-GAL TEAM** such as this one can easily install the new tileboard in a kitchen, laundry or bathroom. The board comes in 12 colors, in 16" by 16" squares and are easily aligned by a special patented lock-strip divider. The tileboard cannot crack or peel, and cleans easily with a damp cloth.

## So Many Ways To Make Old Kitchen Bright With New Beauty And Utility

High on the list of projects for kitchen remodeling.

The kitchen rates top attention because a "new look" to the most important room in the home does a great deal to make an older home take on a modern appearance.

In line with the trend to make the kitchen a family living room . . . wood once again is favored for kitchen cabinets. Wood gives a note of warmth, and takes minimum care.

The most important news for home remodelers is that attractive natural wood cabinets and base units, as well as the popular metal styles, are available in a great variety of sizes and shapes to fit almost every conceivable space need in the kitchen.

The cabinets and base units can be obtained in knock-down kits which are simple for the home craftsman to assemble.

One phase of kitchen remodeling is kitchen planning. The homeowner will want to make sure that personal preferences are accounted for in the design of the new kitchen.

Kitchens can be enlarged by elimination of the old-fashioned pantry in favor of modern wall cabinets and base units. The "open plan" may be achieved by removal of part of a wall between the kitchen and adjoining room. A breakfast bar, or pass-through can be installed in place of the wall.

Measure the kitchen wall space, taking into account the location of doors and windows, to determine which basic plan to use—the U-shape (three walls), the L-shape (two walls, or simply lining one

wall with cabinets and base units.

Special cabinets available in wood or metal, are revolving Lazy Susans for corners, broom closets, multi-drawer base units, cabinets with special bins for staples and vegetables and sliding tray racks.

For a truly modern kitchen, the homeowner will want to consider installing built-in cooking units—a wall oven and a surface range.

Particularly with wood your kitchen can be given a new appearance anytime you want. The cabinets can be re-finished in a new color tone or they can be painted. However, naturally-finished cabinets will always tastefully set off any colors used in flooring, curtains or walls.

## Protect The Plumbing In Cold Weather

Are you planning to spend some time away from home this winter? If so, be sure to protect your plumbing system from freezing during your absence.

Ice formations within the plumbing system can rupture pipes, damage fixtures and run up costly repair bills. So, before heading for warmer weather, take these precautions:

First, cut off the water supply at the street. This can be done by the plumber or, in some cases, by the city water authority. Next, be sure to turn off the water valve inside the house.

Then, open all faucets so that the water may drain from the pipes. At this point, it is wise to call the plumber. He will empty the water from toilet bowls and flush tanks besides draining the hot water heater.

The plumber also may remove all water from the traps of sinks, lavatories and bathtubs and fill them with a non-freezing agent as an extra precaution.

If a pipe-freeze should occur in your home, there are several solutions. First, examine the pipe to see if it has cracked from the pressure of the expanding ice. If not, then soak some towels in hot water and apply them to the frozen pipe. Repeat until the ice block is dissolved. Also, you may melt the ice by pouring boiling water down the clogged drain.

Above all, don't use electrical appliances of any kind to remove the ice. Electricity, metal and water can be a highly dangerous combination.

The safest remedy of all is the plumber. He is the guardian of your plumbing system and knows how to keep your bathroom and kitchen fixtures operating efficiently.

## ALUMINUM FINISH

You can keep the finish on your aluminum door and window frames bright by covering with two thin coats of fresh, white shellac.



**DESIGNED** for the homeowner who is tired of the time-consuming, back-breaking task of trimming his lawn, is this electrically-operated grass cutter. It is ideal for trimming grass along walk, driveway and flower beds.