

Hardwood Plywood Offers Itself To Infinite Variety Of Fix-Up Uses For Inside-Outside Home Improvements

Whether your home is in a modern mood, or furnished in a traditional decor . . . but if many of the home furnishings are worn and outdated, you can easily "right the problem," without "wronging your budget."

Available today are hundreds of various furniture patterns in either contemporary, provincial or early American designs.

Modern techniques and materials make these build-it-yourself pieces simple enough for the average handyman to handle with the aid of some power tools.

Coffee tables, chairs, buffets, di-

vans, chests, desks, end tables plus an infinite variety more can be constructed with new, easy-handling plywood or lumber panels.

Construction plans usually contain the pattern pieces (handled as simply as a dressmaking pattern); a bill of materials; hardware and trim listings; detailed instructions for building and also for finishing.

Most of the service magazines, manufacturers of power tool equipment, and the various lumber and plywood associations make these plans available to the public at a nominal cost.

Plan Bathroom Fix-Up With Eye To Needs

Whether your needs call for remodeling or an extra bath, there are eight basic points to consider in planning a "dream" bathroom:

1. Utilize all available space.
2. Use imagination and color.
3. Choose fixtures that are durable and easily maintained.
4. Provide for ease of traffic in a limited space.
5. Plan a maximum of open and concealed storage area.
6. Locate lighting at strategic points.
7. Provide ventilation.
8. Consult any qualified local plumbing contractor.

The bathroom has become such an important part of contemporary living that few families are satisfied with only a single facility. Surveys point out that many families, especially those with children, desire two and even three bathrooms.

Basements 'Out' As Small Heating Units Put In Homes

Thermostats, stokers, and automatic pilots have taken home heating plants out of the houses getting smaller, too, many being no larger than a hot water encouraged more building of homes without basements.

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Complexity Of Tax Revision Weakens Prospect Of Final Congress Action This Year

By B. L. Livingstone
WASHINGTON (AP) — Prospects for congressional overhaul this session of the federal excise, or sales tax, laws have become increasingly uncertain as adjournment time nears.

The vast and complex job, affecting the pocketbooks of most taxpayers either directly or indirectly, is proving a headache to members of the tax-writing House to Treasury officials.

Some 80 specific recommendations have been made to the full committee by its subcommittee on excise tax revision. The committee has tentatively approved some of the technical proposals, but some of the knottiest tax problems still remain to be dealt with.

Even if a final bill is drafted and the House acts before Congress adjourns, House tax experts say the complexities of so vast and technical a job would appear to make Senate action questionable this year.

Many Goods Affected
Congress in 1954 cut most federal excises back to 10 per cent from Korean War highs ranging up to 20 per cent. Some are added to the retailer's price, others are included and not apparent to the average buyer.

They apply on such diverse goods and services as club dues, tires, purses, gasoline, railroad tickets, tobacco, liquor, night club entertainment, household appliances, slot machines and corporate securities.

The House Ways and Means Committee is still studying recommendations - vigorously opposed by Treasury officials - to change the method of collecting liquor and tobacco taxes.

Makers of these items now must buy and pay for tax stamps to put on their products before sale. They want instead to make periodic tax returns after the product

is sold. The delay in tax collections resulting from such a switch-over would cost the government an estimated 300 or 400 million dollars in revenue in the one year.

Boosts And Slashes
Other subcommittee recommendations would cut in half the present 20 per cent tax on cabaret and night club tabs, club dues and admissions to horse and dog tracks.

Some of the subcommittee's recommendations would increase revenues by 15 million dollars, while others would result in decreases of approximately 17 million. These figures do not take into account the overtime revenue losses involved in the proposed changes in liquor and tobacco tax collections.

The full committee has approved new 10 per cent taxes on gas incinerator garbage units, tape and wire recorders and record players. Also approved is a 1-cent-a-pound increase in the tax on tubeless tires.

Keep Floor In Mind When Selecting Other Coverings

Whether remodeling, or building, you will pick your new floor coverings with care to give you the kind of surface you need. It may be linoleum, asphalt tile, cork tile, carpeting, or other material.

You can insure a fine, long-lasting installation with a good, smooth underlayment. Most hard floor covering manufacturers recommend fir plywood for this application. Plywood meets all the requirements for a smooth surface that will hold the adhesives used with many of these materials.

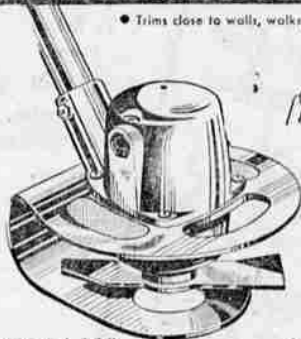
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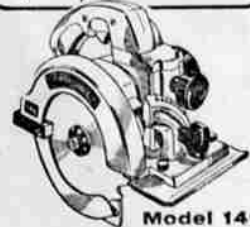
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