



EXTERIOR MODERNIZATION is expressed here in the simplest terms - an old farm dwelling, much the worse for wear and obsolescence, takes a trim, attractive look with new siding of asbestos-cement shingles. Breaking

the lines of the roof with tiny dormers, permitted the addition of second-story windows and better utilization of living area. A more modern entrance gives the final touch.

Check Construction And Details Of Sofa When Selecting One

Just as in buying an article of clothing, you should "try it on for size" when buying a sofa or chair. Sit in it and relax as you will in your own home. A comfortable chair for a small person will not be the ultimate in comfort for a 6-footer, so have your husband try it too.

Examine the other features too. Are the cushions firm enough? Turn the chair over and check such features as webbing and lining. Webbing should be closely woven and firm. Nailing in the framework is taboo. Bracing with corner blocks joined by screws and glue indicates good construction.

Then note the tailoring: seams and welting should be neat and even. If tufted, buttons should be firmly sewn.

Glass Blocks Are Versatile Units For Inside Or Outside Modernizing



A **BRIGHT** and cheery dining area is set off with an interior partition of glass block. The exterior wall which gives light and privacy both is shown with glass block ventilation.

One of the most useful and also most versatile materials for home-improvement is glass block.

Glass block, which transmits daylight without sacrificing privacy, insulation, or wall strength, can be used in an infinite number of ways to improve liability and appearance of the home.

A product of Owens-Illinois Glass Co., the blocks are square, 4 inches thick, and come in 6-inch by 6-inch, 8-inch by 8-inch, and 12-inch by 12-inch sizes. They are sturdily built, their hollow interiors contain a partial vacuum which creates the same insulating qualities as an 8-inch wall.

Interior partitions can be installed easily and economically by the handyman with prefabricated wooden strips. Such interior partitions are excellent for dividing large rooms, walling off stair wells, or giving light where privacy is needed.

Full directions for the "set in wood" prefabricated method, come with the stripping material.

For exterior installations, panels of glass block should be set in mortar, like brick or in concrete blocks.

Panels are especially suitable for kitchens and bathrooms because they are impervious to water, and are easy to keep clean. In kitchens glass block dividers may create a dining area, or brighten a work area where light is needed. In the bath, the panels make excellent shower walls and divider partitions; admitting light while preserving privacy.

In living and dining room areas—panels of glass block may be used to brighten dark entrances, to partition off a room, to add drama to drab spots and other advantageous areas.



DON'T FOOL WITH ELECTRICITY YOURSELF — The chances are that your home wiring needs fixing. But remember this, when it comes to home wiring - the thing to do is stop before you start. Consult an electrical contractor and learn how little it actually cost - how simple it can be - to have your home fully wired for comfortable, safe electrical living.

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