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Good interior design creates more living space in small home.

**Make more space in home**

Good interior design can help create more living space in smaller homes as well as making them more attractive.

To keep costs low—an estimated \$25,000 retail price—the home's size was restricted to 14' x 66'. But by making maximum use of space through good design, large attractive living areas were created.

The home was divided into three basic rooms: 25½' x 13' living area including living room, dining room and kitchen; 13' x 13' master bedroom; and 10½' x 11' second bedroom.

The unifying color scheme throughout was peach with interior walls of off-white and accents of copper and brass.

The living room, kitchen and dining area have been designed to function as an open yet unified space.

The living area is further enlarged with sliding glass patio doors that open to the outside where an optional deck was built, and double windows on the other side to open up

the space. A greenhouse window over the sink adds a custom touch to the kitchen.

Upholstered lambrequins in peach with blue cording emphasize the exterior view through the patio doors and matching lambrequins around the double windows to balance both sides of the room.

A custom bookcase-wine rack was built in the kitchen to serve as a room divider between kitchen and laundry reached by the rear door.

A carpet in salmon mist used in the living room and a light colored vinyl flooring was used in the kitchen, laundry and baths.

A cathedral ceiling extends lengthwise across the living area and into the master bedroom for more space without increasing the size of the home.

In the master bedroom custom bookcases were built to fit on top of Thomasville drawer chests for increased storage. The bookcases were constructed of vertical members with horizontal dowels, and glass shelves fit on top. They were mir-

rored behind to visually extend the space which is accessorized as his and hers.

Because the queen-sized bed fit best underneath the doublewide window, a shirred fabric wall treatment was designed to work with a floor to ceiling copper blind.

The second bedroom functions as a multi-purpose room while still providing sleeping capabilities. Two platform beds were positioned at different heights, to allow the higher twin mattress to serve as a bed. The lower twin mattress was designed as a love seat.

A television space was designed beneath the higher twin bed to provide visibility from the love seat. An L-shaped bookcase and spanner wrap the room, tying in with the height of a rattan chest. Shelves above provided additional storage.

In addition to providing maximum use of space in a compact area, the size and construction of the home make it economical to heat and air-condition, as well as easy to maintain.

**Simple ways to save energy**

It is common knowledge that turning down the thermostat in the winter and up in the summer is an effective way to save energy. But did you know something as simple as covering food and liquids in your refrigerator can also save energy dollars?

How? Well, uncovered items give off moisture vapors, which makes your refrigerator's compressor work harder to obtain the same degree of cooling!

People give off heat. If you plan on entertaining a large group during the heating season, lower the thermostat a degree or two before guests arrive. You'll not only save heat, but also make your guest more comfortable.

A light-colored roof reflects more sun than a dark one. Therefore, if you need more heat, use dark



Cleaning the dryer's lint filter after each complete drying cycle not only saves energy, it helps clothes to dry faster and more thoroughly.

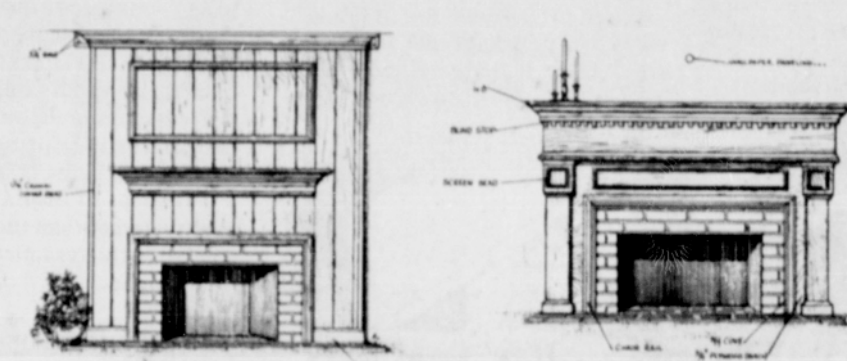
shingles; less heat requires lighter colored shingles.

If you own a dishwasher you can reduce the amount of energy it uses from 30 to 50 percent. Simply set it to turn off after the final rinse and let the dishes air-dry.

It is not true that a light bulb uses more energy in the first seconds after you turn it on. To save money, turn lights off when you leave a room, even if you intend to return in a few minutes.

"Instant on" TV is "on" all the time. It eats up electricity day and night, 365 days a year. Unplugging it when not in use will save you money. You can also buy an inexpensive on-off switch that can save you \$1 a month.

You can save lighting costs by painting your rooms a light color. Homes with white or pastel walls, ceilings, and floors reflect light better and need less wattage.



**Transform fireplace with moldings**

Do you love your fireplace but wish it were a more striking focal point of your living room? You can transform the look of your fireplace by framing it in a creative design with decorative moldings. Here are some ideas to help:

Variations on an Early Colonial fireplace will blend with many conservative, clean-lined

decorating styles. A "picture frame" molding around the fireplace recess is repeated above the mantel. Mantels are shallow.

Georgian hearths complement more ornate decors with heavier mantels often highlighted by decorative moldings like those shown in the sketch. Additional moldings embellish the pilasters and

lower edges of the mantel.

Moldings can best be applied with an air-powered brad nailer. This eliminates damaged wood caused by hammering into the small grooves of the molding.

Brad nails come in white and several shades of brown to blend with the wood without painting or staining.

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Then, check your heating thermostat against an indoor thermometer to make sure it's accurate. Higher settings waste about 3% per degree.

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