

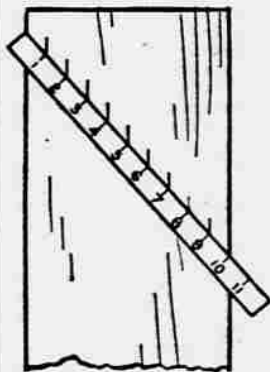
## Gay Flower Beds Replace Outmoded Landscape Style

"Foundation planting," long considered a first step in landscaping American homes, is being rapidly outmoded by the disappearance of the foundations which they were formerly planted to conceal.

When most homes stood upon a belt of brick or stone, out of these colors. Cynoglossum, or Chinese forget-me-not, used as a ribbon planting in the background, blooms freely all summer, retaining its lovely blue coloring in hot weather.

### SHORT DIVISION

How would you mark a 7-inch board to divide it lengthwise into 10 equal parts. A quick way to do it is to lay a rule diagonally across the board with the



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## Hints Given For Planning

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Since careful planning is required to effect the greatest cost savings, the family planning to build its own home should consult a good architect and building contractor in the winter when they are not rushed. Most of the expensive changes that later crop up can thus be made on paper before building starts in the spring.

### Basic Principles

Among the basic principles to remember:

A 2-story house costs less than a one-story dwelling because of the larger plot required for a one-story house of the same area as the 2-story house. Added to this is the cost of the greater amount of roof area, foundation and wall perimeter, interior partitions and more costly floor and ceiling construction of the single-story house.

A square or rectangular house without angled walls, offsets and dormers and gables costs considerably less. Simple straight lines are most economical and usually permit better use of the interior space.

### Cost-Savers Listed

After the style and shape of the house are chosen, here are a few of the many cost-savers that can be used in construction.

Dry wall construction instead of plaster; if plaster is wanted, use rock lath instead of wood or metal lath. Insulation of the walls full-thick with batts and blankets of mineral wool, together with complete insulation of the attic with this naturally fireproof material costs less at

time of construction than later. Of equal importance is that architectural engineers have found that mineral wool insulation will allow a smaller heating plant with a saving of 23% to 30%.

Let wide overhanging eaves shelter the porches. Use truss construction instead of conventional rafter framing for the roof if a high attic is not wanted. Not only do the trusses go together faster, but they permit less costly interior partition construction, and eliminate time-

consuming cutting of rafters at ridge and eaves.

### Modular Planning

Recent experience shows that room dimensions planned on a 4" module will effect a 10% saving in over-all cost. Large sheets of structural board for sheathing costs less than conventional tongue-and-groove lumber. Prefabricated closets save money. Another money-saver is the use of ordinary wide window-stops to make baseboards instead of wide, expensive millwork.

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