

Lightness and Grace for Interior

Modernizing the home need not mean major structural alterations. The spaciousness of an interior is affected as much by color as by actual architectural design.

Since floor, walls and ceiling serve as a background, color choice begins with them. Color selection depends on family tastes, the room's function and the amount of natural light it receives.

For a restful and informal room, neutral or receding colors like pastel blue, green, beige and gray produce the desired effect. For a dramatic background, strong colors with tones of red, yellow and bright blue are recommended by interior designers.

With modern open planning of rooms, color may be used effectively to mark room divisions or to accent furniture groupings. Variety and interest may be created by making one wall in a room contrast sharply with the others. The two wall colors must of course harmonize closely.

In modernizing the older home, the interior should be cleared of all clutter such as dark heavy stair balusters, dirt-

catching moulding, and ugly fireplace mantels. Lightness and grace are modern earmarks. Lighten up a dark uninteresting room with woodwork, bookshelves and tables in natural or blond finish. Paint the exposed bricks of the fireplace the same color as the adjoining wall. Hide old style radiators with modern covers or by painting them to match the woodwork.

Shelves Make Odd-Sized Wall Spaces Useful

When an odd wall space between two doorways or in a wall offsets beside a chimney is too small for furniture to look well there, the space can be made useful by building shelves.

Extend open shelves from a point about 30" above the floor to the ceiling for books and bric-a-brac, with a closed cabinet be-

low for home movie equipment or other articles.

In planning the shelves, space some 15" or 14" apart for tall books like encyclopedias, with others 10" or 11" apart for average books. Plan the space in the cabinet and arrange the shelves to fit the principal articles to be stored there.

Wax Snow Shovel

To keep snow from sticking to a snow shovel, wax the shovel blade with floor wax.

A cross-section of a flue should never be less than 10 per cent of the area of the fireplace opening.

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However, when doors are installed for access to such storage spaces it is important to insulate the doors the same as the walls are insulated.

Mineral wool batts, for instance, can be secured to the backs of such doors in the same way they are fastened to walls, gables and roof areas. This precaution will go far to keep the attic cool in summer and warm in winter.

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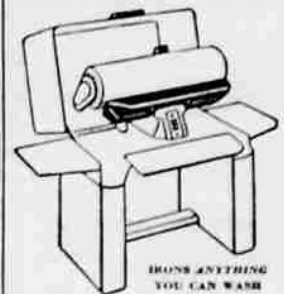
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