

Gloria Swanson Finds 'Do-It-Yourself' Not Always Best Way To Do Something

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Rome—U.P.—"Do it yourself" is applicable to everything these days—including the arts!

If instead of replacing old worn-out wallpaper you decide you like murals, you don't have to hire an artist—just do it yourself. Or turn the kids loose. They'll paint your walls for you in nothing flat—with primitives.

A great artist told me that children have a bolder and more direct approach, being without any complexes. This I believed until last Sunday when 15 adult friends were let loose in my large drawing room to try their hand at putting paint to canvas.

Unhappily their aim was not always good. Paint often landed in odd places, such as the inside of the jacket a man was wearing. I had wisely put down canvas to cover the expensive parquet floor.

I had thought such a party would be fun—and I'm sure it was for them, but I wound up not being able to concentrate on painting at all. I alternated at playing cowboy, trying to corral bulls in a china shop and being schoolmistress of a kindergarten.

The Painted Ones
"Kay, watch your skirt. You've got paint on it!"
"And you, Francesco, mind you don't step on that tube of paint on the floor with those big feet of yours!"

"Hey Mike, where are you going? Well, please don't get paint on the guest towels."
"Whoops! You've knocked over the easel!"—and there goes a painting face down.

When the canvas was picked up off the floor it looked better than it did before it fell, and I'm sure it could win a prize at any surrealist exhibition.

Quietly off in one corner the famous San Francisco sculptor Beniamino Bufano and American foreign correspondent Frank Gervasi were having a circus doing a joint canvas. Each was taking turns at what started out to be—so they say—"the birth of a flower." Yes, it was the birth of a flower, if anyone knows what the birth of a flower looks like. Certainly, like June, it was busting out all over.

Some Suggestions
If you don't wish to be an emotional wreck by the time your guests depart looking like painted voodoos, please let me give you these suggestions:

Have handy 50 yards of old rags, or save your old painting clothes. Use old jam bottles for mixing oils, turpentine and varnish rather than cocktail glasses for one of my guests mistook the varnish for his martini. If you are the nervous type wear a bathing cap because your hair will not only be grey but every color of the rainbow.

And lastly, don't attempt this

On The Side

By E. V. Durling

Have you your baby picture? Jack Norworth, the celebrated comedian and song writer, still has his. Inscribed on it by his mother is the following poem which she took from one of her scrapbooks:

My baby is sturdy and ruddy,
So much of him! Oh, what a charm,
To hold him and feel as I hold him—
Such a weight of wealth on my arm.
Rejoice in my bliss you who love me,
Rejoice in the crown of my joy!
I am proud with a pride that is holy,
I am proud of my glorious boy!

Guide to Gals
Scorpio (October 24—November 22) women have magnetic eyes and know how to use them. Many men have proposed marriage to Scorpio females and later wondered why they did it. They were hypnotized. Aries (March 21—April 20) women never carry the torch. They fall in and out of love with the greatest of ease. They usually marry more than once and are always friendly with their ex-husbands. Or, so say the stargazers. (Note—Gloria Swanson, married five times, was born under Aries.)

N. J., In Apple Blossom Time?
Diet
Do you like spinach? How about broccoli, string beans and carrots? If you pass these vegetables up you are missing out on some highly valuable vitamin-packed vegetables. Eating them would make you a very vigorous fellow. Also carrots would improve your eyesight. You could look out more long putts and see blondes better.

Added Details
Only 15 per cent of parents in the United States have three children or more. So if you have three or more children, you are unusual parents. Congratulations... Am asked what Presidents of the United States played musical instruments. Off-hand, I can only name Harding, who played the trombone, and Truman, who is an accomplished pianist.

'War Criminals' Returned By Reds

Hereleshausen, Germany—(U.P.)—The first West German "major war criminals" arrived from Russian prison camps Saturday and the government promptly announced it would free them—subject to possible trial later when their records arrive from Russia.

The 453 returnees reached this border repatriation center under heavy guard of 60 Red army soldiers with fixed bayonets. They were not allowed to see waiting relatives during their processing.

West German officials said the former prisoners, branded as "major war criminals" by Soviet courts, would be given temporary papers and allowed to go to their homes.

East German authorities clapped 269 similar returnees into prison last month.

Among yesterday's arrivals was former Maj. Ernst Keitel, 41, son of Hitler's last chief of staff, Field Marshal Wilhelm Keitel. He said he had never been charged with any crimes or tried by a Soviet court.

Young Keitel said also that he had never been officially informed that his father had been hanged at Nurnberg as a war criminal. He said he learned of the trial and execution only through the prison "grapevine."

West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer, during his visit to Moscow last September, won a Soviet promise for the release of 9,626 German war prisoners. All were to be released unconditionally except 749 "major war criminals," who were to be turned over to local authorities for disposition.

Asking
Queries from clients. Q. Wasn't it Abraham Lincoln who first said, "Common sense is not so common"? A. No, sir. It was Voltaire. . . Q. Who played the title role in the original film version of Faith Baldwin's novel "The Office Wife"? A. Dorothy Mackaill. . . Q. Did you say that Murphy was the commonest name in Ireland? A. That I did. The commonest names in Ireland in order are Murphy, Kelly, Walsh, Smith, O'Brien, Byrne, Ryan, Connor, O'Neill, Reilly and Doyle.

Please Note
Adhere to a meatless diet and you will achieve unusual longevity. That's what the vegetarians are constantly claiming. As a steak enthusiast, permit me to say a few words for our side. Charles Goodnight, the celebrated Texas pioneer, had steak for breakfast, lunch and dinner. He drank a large pot of coffee with all meals. He smoked 50 cigars a day and lived to be 93!

Getting Married
Are you considering entering a state of matrimony, young fellow? When will the wedding be? June is considered the most romantic month in which to be wed. However, the most successful marriages are said to take place in winter or early spring. How about the brothers of the girl of your choice? Are they good solid men? It is claimed sons are very likely to have many traits in common with their mother's brothers. How about your future mother-in-law? If she is in her 40s and somewhat plump your wife will probably have a similar figure at that age. Is your girl's papa bald-headed? If so your sons, according to the experts, are likely to be bald, or partially so, in their middle 30s.

Sidelights
Donald Brian's salary as star of the original New York production of "The Merry Widow" was \$100 a week. Ethel Jackson who played the title role was paid \$75 a week. . . The dry martini, as currently made, is the most powerful of all cocktails. Originally the martini was made of 50 per cent gin and 50 per cent vermouth. Now it is made of 80 per cent gin and 20 per cent vermouth.

Passing By
Nat Dorfman, distinguished counsel of public relations. A charter member of Manhattan's celebrated Circle to the Square Association of Bathtub Singers. To his singing in the shower program, Dorfman has just added that highly romantic ballad titled "I Met a Peach in Orange,

Visit Reunites Long-Separated Pair

Salem—U.P.—After 56 years apart, a brother and sister were reunited here yesterday at the home of the sister's daughter, Mrs. James Rolow.

The pair, Cecil Coleman, 70, Elma, Wash., and Mrs. Katie Armitage, 72, Kanorado, Kan., were separated in their teens when Mrs. Armitage left the family home in Oklahoma for

Colorado and Coleman left for Washington work in the woods. Both said they would not have known each other if they hadn't arranged the meeting.

The couple said they just "hadn't got around to visiting each other," but had managed to exchange a few Christmas cards. They found each other in good health.

PRETTY ROCKS VALUABLE

Washington—U.P.—Next time you stumble on a pretty rock, pick it up. It may be valuable. The U.S. Bureau of Mines said last year people picked up rocks, many of them gems such as opals, valued at more than \$500,000.

Motor vehicle owners pay about \$1,165,000 each year for insurance premiums in the U.S., according to current figures.

Bids Called On New Interstate Bridge

Portland—U.P.—The State Highway Commission will receive sealed bids here March 1 for construction of the new Interstate bridge between Portland and Vancouver, Wash., and for widening the Oregon slough bridge on the south approach to the Columbia river.

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would be 3531 feet long with a 49-foot roadway and one five-foot sidewalk.



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