

## This Spring Homes Vie With Fashions In Modern Styles

This spring homes will vie with fashions for the spotlight in modern styles. Many homeowners are expected to give their homes modern smartness and weather protection through the re-siding of exterior walls and new roofing.

Asbestos shingles have been given a new luxury appearance by new styling and decorator-approved color treatments. At the same time, the shingles retain the qualities of fire-safety, permanence and low up-keep which has made them so popular because they last for the life of the house. They are money-saving investment in the long run.

### New Asbestos Siding

The new texture treatments and colors of asbestos siding shingles are completely pleasing to modern taste. Pastel shades are very popular. Color is often applied to give a two-tone effect.

Asbestos siding can be applied directly over old wood walls. It can be applied over stucco walls, if the stucco is in reasonably good condition.

Accentuated shadow lines between horizontal shingle courses will help to bring out the full beauty of asbestos siding, can be obtained several ways. One is to use wood nailing strips. Another is to employ fiber board shingle backers made for that purpose.

### Roof Covering

Now's the time to do something about a shabby, leaky, old roof! No other part of a house is more likely to cause serious trouble if it is left unattended.

If a roof is in really bad condition, the only safe remedy is a new roof covering. Asbestos-cement shingles have proved especially durable. They cannot burn, will not rot and stay on, even in high winds.

Roofing shingles are made in a variety of styles, including the strip type which gives the coverage of several individual shingles. Among the old standbys are hexagonal and Dutch lap patterns.

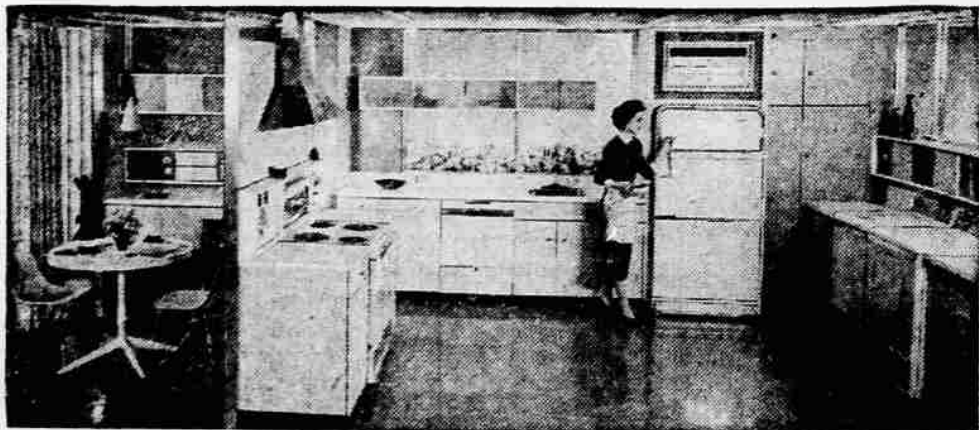
A new addition to this popular shingle family is a large size, self-aligning unit known as the ranch design. It is sold under various brand names, but can be identified by its size, which is 24 inches wide by 12 inches deep. They are easy to apply.

### Electric Appliances

#### Make Large Increases

Look what's happened electrically in the past ten years! In 1946 there were virtually no television sets, electric shavers, mixers, sandwich-waffle combination grills, steam irons, food freezers, electric blankets or broilers in existence.

Today 23,200,000 homes have television sets, over 17,000,000 have shavers, 15,100,000 have mixers, nearly 15,000,000 have sandwich-waffle combinations, over 13,000,000 have steam irons, and over 7,000,000 have freezers, around 5,000,000 have electric bed coverings, and over 6,000,000 have electric broilers.



**KITCHEN CREATED**—This kitchen was created to show homemakers what can be accomplished in modernization, using material and equipment currently available. Dining area at left features planning desk and fold-away sewing center. Electric range in foreground is a 30-inch model with French doors and automatic roll-out shelf. Mixing center, dishwasher, sink, built-in refrigerator and air conditioner are shown along rear wall. Built-in clothes hamper, automatic washer and dryer at right.

## Material, Equipment Available May Be Used in Fixing Kitchen

It's easier than you think to have a real dream kitchen — using materials and equipment currently available.

Research indicates that about 25 million American homemakers are wasting time, energy and a lot of good humor working in outdated, inadequate kitchens, most of them more than 30 years old.

If you're planning to remodel your kitchen this year, you'll want your new kitchen to include these general working areas: a food preparation and storage center, cooking center, clean-up center, laundry, sewing center, family dining area, and homemaker's planning center. And each will have its own storage.

### Overall Appearance

The overall appearance of your kitchen should be warm and

inviting. New colored appliances can set the keynote for your favorite type of decor, either sophisticated modern or quaint Early American.

New pastel colored appliances can be used with a variety of color schemes. However, if you still prefer white appliances, you can add color to your kitchen in other ways.

The heart of your cooking center is your range. Choose the finest you can afford, and it will repay you with time saving and efficiency.

A modern exhaust hood above the range plays a functional role, helping to keep the rest of your kitchen clean.

### Wall Behind Range

The wall behind your range should be of some wall material that is easy to wipe clean.

Small utensils and condiments

can be stored beside the range in handy shallow cabinets.

Base cabinets in the cooking center should be planned for convenient storage — a drawer file for saucepan lids; a heavy wooden pull-out shelf that doubles as a chopping block; a place to set hot casseroles and roasts; a knife drawer, and pull-out racks for trays; cookie sheets, broiler pans and other utensils.

Mixer and blender should be in the center for food preparation and storage. Roll-out shelves could store toaster and coffee maker, and other special roll-out drawers, bins and racks can hold dry foods, canned goods and bottles.

### Sink Cabinet

The sink cabinet is the place for a convenient waste-basket and pull-out rack for drying towels.

Your automatic dishwasher can be built-in under the counter, and your sink should be equipped with a food waste disposer.

There should be ample food capacity for even a large family in your freezer and refrigerator.

Automatic washer, dryer, a built-in clothes hamper and ironing board make a compact center of your home laundry area. Roll-out shelves in a base cabinet provide handy storage for the iron and laundry supplies.

### Dining Area

The dining area could double as a planning and sewing center. Your planning desk could contain a radio, telephone, address file, stationery drawer and a shelf for cook books.

A special file drawer could keep sewing patterns, and a swing-out lamp can be used with both the desk and sewing machine.

A window-type room air conditioner will keep the entire area in climate-controlled comfort!

## Hardwood Floors Preferred by Some

Many home owners prefer hardwood flooring to cement or tile, because of its richness and beauty.

When adding another room, or re-doing existing floors, it is wise to consider the type of flooring and estimate the cost.

To figure the number of feet of hardwood flooring needed for a room: find the number of square feet of floor space to be covered and add the following percentages depending on the face width of the flooring.

For the popular standard face width of 2 1/4 inches, add 33 1/3 per cent; for 1 1/2-inch widths, add 50 per cent; for a 2-inch width, add 37 1/2 per cent.

An additional 3 to 5 per cent should be taken on to the total to allow for customary waste in cutting and fitting.

Hardwood flooring should never be laid until all plaster and cement work are thoroughly dry and all woodwork and trim installed.

The last step in building is the laying and finishing of hardwood floors.



**MUSICAL WALLPAPER**—To make this room as gay and colorful as the family get-togethers, the wallpaper is musical too! Designs picture every type of musical instrument in flame red, green-yellow, emerald green and pale gold on a white background. By Imperial Wallpaper Co.

## Stone Gaining New Favor As Veneer For Remodeling

Stone, the most ancient of materials for home building, is gaining new favor with decorators as a veneer in home remodeling.

Both interiors and exteriors acquire new beauty through the effective use of the colors, textures and varied shapes of stone wall facing and blocks.

Resembling natural flagstone, this moulded building material lends itself to either formal or informal treatment, depending upon the way it is set and the room in which it is used.

Throughout your home you'll find innumerable places where this attractive material can add beauty and character to colorless rooms.

If you have an outmoded, unattractive fireplace, try facing it, floor to ceiling, with stone.

For striking beauty extend the fireplace facing to cover the entire wall, with, perhaps, a built-in niche for your television set, for books, or for shelves on which to display family treasures.

To add distinction to an otherwise drab living room, try a stone facing planter-wall to define the entry or to give semi-privacy to the dining area.

The rough natural texture of stone is ideally suited to the more informal rooms of your home — the rumpus room, play room, or family room.

Give your family room a casual air with a counter-bar of stone. Veneer one wall adjacent to a picture window.

As practical outdoors as indoors, you may wish to extend your "stone wall" across the end of a porch or patio to achieve the airy "open" look.

Weather resistant and fire-safe, this material requires no painting nor upkeep and can be applied over walls of any type.

The insulative value of stone facing will reward you with more even indoor temperatures in hot or cold weather, and its beauty will increase the value of your home.

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### Built-in Accessories Make Break Decorating

The towel bars, soap dish and other built-in accessories in your bathroom take up little space, but they can make or break the decorating of the room.

Decorators warn that black ones usually, "stick out like sore thumbs."

The best plan is to choose these items in exactly the color of the material used for the wainscots. They blend into the background and the room does not seem cut up.

### Mirrors Used as Decorator's Tool

Give a look of airiness, perspective and sparkle to problem rooms by using mirrors as a decorator's "tool."

If a room is too long and narrow, it can be made to look wider by placing a rectangular mirror on a long side wall. Small, box-like rooms may appear wider with a mirrored end wall.

Tip: if a mirror is placed so that it reflects a blank wall, it is missing its potential!

In selecting a decorative mirror, be sure its frame blends with the rest of the decor. And — never choose a mirror that is larger than the furniture piece it has been chosen to complement.

Wherever possible, place your mirror to catch the most desirable reflection.

Opposite a picture window, the mirror will pick up the outdoor scene... placed in a dark hallway opposite an open door, it can help bring a note of light and color.

In most instances, mirrors hung at eye level, offer the best perspective.

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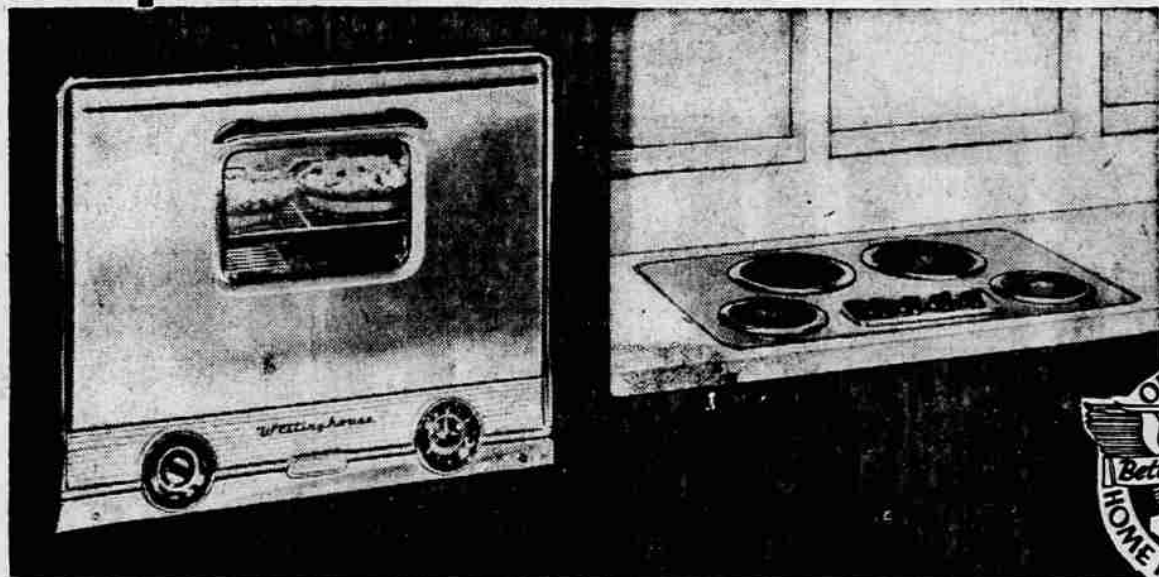
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