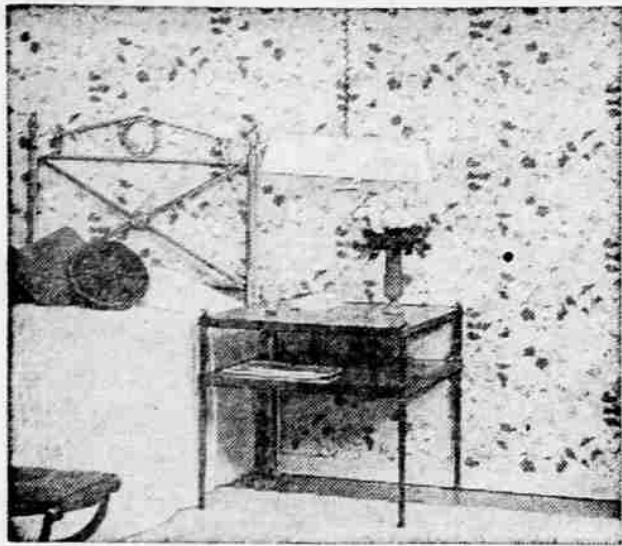




SOFTEN LINES—A wallpaper of rosy-hued garden florals was selected to soften the severe lines of the furniture in this bedroom. Designs are widely spaced on a white background to give an open-air look. Colors are rosy pinks to lilac hues with touches of soft citron yellow and green. By Birge Wallpaper.

New Wallpapers Give Freshness to Rooms

Trick your aging rooms into young freshness by giving them a crisp new background. The new wallpapers have designing ways to deceive the eye and hide the correct age of old rooms. Also, when sloping walls, ugly beams or other non-beautiful jogs in wall construction lessen the background beauty of a room... the right wallpaper can fool the eye by making these defects seem to fade.

Another vote for wall paper in this era of individuality is the fact that it is the easiest, simplest and least expensive way to make a home distinctive!

Simple designs in wallpapers, with a trend toward light backgrounds and a combination of two or three softly muted colors in the patterns plus one strong accent color are the reason today's papers can go anywhere in the house. There are no longer typical bathroom, kitchen, living room or bedroom papers. Any pattern is appropriate as long as it harmonizes with the furnishings.

Today's Home Small
Many of today's homes are small. With this in mind, the artists have created many new mural-scenic wallpapers scaled to fit the smaller home in size as well as in price. In a small windowless room it's an inexpensive way to create a feeling of an outdoor-indoor living effect.

There's still another way that wallpapers can help in improv-

ing a home. It can create an extra room. Because wallpaper is a natural teammate for wall-board, it is possible to partition off one of the larger rooms in a home in favor of the privacy of two smaller ones.

With a whole new world of wallpapers that are designed to go anywhere in the home, all any homeowner has to do to improve a room or to create private areas in the home is decide on what pattern of paper to buy—where to redecorate or remodel—and wallpaper will help to grow a new room or area.

Color Schemes Are Unlimited in Home

Key the decorative color scheme to your home to the woods used for walls and ceilings.

Color schemes are unlimited since natural forest hues range from white, cream and yellow to green, red and brown.

Soft woods in the light to medium colors include: ponderosa pine, Douglas fir, sugar pine and West Coast hemlock.

Hardwoods in the same color range include: white ash, birch, hickory, magnolia, maple, red oak and yellow poplar.

Medium to dark soft woods include: Western red cedar, California redwood, southern cypress and larch.

Remodeling Can Be Done By Changing Color of Paint

It's paint-up time again, and if you're like eight out of ten home owners, you'll be thumbing through paint swatches and wondering whether to "give it another coat" or change the color scheme completely.

Color fashions change from year to year, and, as your family grows and develops, you may find your tastes in color have also changed.

Why not go all out this year and redecorate your home from stem to stern, roof to rumpus room.

"Remodel" With Color

Don't be afraid to use color to "remodel" your rooms. With color you can make a large bare looking room appear intimate and homey; you can add space and dimension to a small room; you can brighten a room with few windows or soften the light in a room that "glazes". Color can be your magic wand for hundreds of decorating tricks.

The magic formula to remember is that strong, intense colors make things appear closer to you, and that pale, muted colors make things appear to be further away.

Thus if you have a small room you can make it appear larger by painting it a light, soft color. Save your bright shades for large, well lighted rooms.

Try a bold color to offset the height of a high ceiling. Choose a stronger hue for a room with many windows.

But remember, color can trick you, too. Colors appear to be much more intense in large areas than on the little color swatches you get from your paint dealer. You'll be wise to select a muted version of the shade you like—then the end result will be just what you wanted.

Do you have a "cold" north room? You can "warm" it with color. "Warm" colors are those that reflect the colors of the sun—yellows, oranges, pinks, reds, and the russet tones.

"Cold" colors are those that remind you of night—blues, greens and bluish purples. Use cool colors in rooms that catch a lot of sunlight, in sun porches, in southern rooms.

Most rooms appear more interesting with a note of contrast—light with dark, bright with subtle hues. But it is a wise decorator who uses bold, brilliant colors sparingly, or the "accent" not may nominate the entire room.

Unattractive architectural features can be made unobtrusive by painting them the same shade as their background.

On the other hand, you can call attention to a pleasing feature of your home by painting it with a color or contrast with those around it.

Your choice of color combinations is a matter of personal taste, and with the lavish range of hues available at your paint stores you can let yourself go.

Color's Role in Home Affects Efficiency

Color plays an important role in promoting efficiency and a feeling of well-being in the family circle!

Home owners can brighten the lives of their families by following these four guides for interior color styling:

1. Two or three bright colors in one room can make it cheerful and pleasant. But limit colors to three.

2. Warmly painted windows and panel doors add appeal to walls of any room. Small rooms should have doors and windows painted to match the walls.

3. Dark colors make a ceiling seem lower, while light colors give the room height.

4. Any room seems to shrink in size the moment dark colors are applied, but light colors make it appear to expand.

Old Woodwork Needs Cleaning for Paint

There are several things to be done before you paint old woodwork that has been coated with one of the heavy varnish stains.

First, the surface must be clean! Wash it down with a cleaning powder solution.

Second, fill in cracks, dents and holes with plastic wood. Sand it smooth when the plastic wood has hardened.

Third, seal it in with a primer coat of aluminum paint, because varnish stain may bleed through otherwise.

Now you are ready to go ahead with the part of the job that shows. One coat may be enough, but you'll get a more durable finish with two coats. Two thin coats are always better than one thick one!

GARDEN CHEMICALS
Poisonous garden chemicals and insect powders should be kept out of the reach of youngsters! You may avert tragedy if you build a small, padlocked cabinet to keep all such substances.



TWO SOURCES—Controlled daylight illumination is provided for this kitchen by two sources: a prefabricated top-lighting panel set in the roof and a vertical wall of prismatic glass block. Brightness ratios on sunny days are no higher than they are on cloudy days; giving a daylight look always. "Toplite" Panels by Owens-Illinois.

Prefabricated Skylights Used To Good Advantage

Prefabricated skylights of hollow glass block, containing built-in prisms which admit daylight while blocking off the sun's heat and glare, can be used to good advantage in solving some of the lighting problems of the home builder or remodeler.

These attractive top lighting panels are ideal for illuminating kitchens, bathrooms, corridors and other areas where windows are lacking or undesirable.

The glass block skylights contribute a touch of beauty and elegance to the home and also provide roof strength and insulation.

The glass blocks are sturdy and partially vacuumized, giving them insulating qualities equivalent to those of an eight-inch brick wall.

Suitable for Rooms
The panels are especially suitable for rooms or areas inside the home; such as hallways, bathrooms and closets, which cannot receive window light because of their location. They are also ideal for outside rooms like kitchens which do not receive sufficient window light.

In rooms requiring maximum daylighting, such as kitchens, the top lighting panels can be supplemented by wall panels of glass block designed to control daylight on the vertical level. The vertical glass blocks come in six, eight and twelve-inch sizes and are available in a variety of face patterns. They are sturdy, insulating and admit light without loss of privacy.

For a decorative "change of pace" which preserves unity of appearance, areas of block panels can be combined with planks. The blocks, adaptable to many arrangements, can serve to emphasize a fireplace wall or an alcove, or to provide an end-wall variation. Blocks are also used for ceilings.

Firestone Plans District Plant at Portland

Portland (U.P.)—Firestone Tire & Rubber Co., of California, has revealed plans to construct a combined district sales headquarters, home and auto supply warehouse and tire retreading plant here. Cost of the project would be from \$750,000 to \$800,000.

Leonard K. Firestone, president of the Los Angeles firm, said the plant would rise on a 10-acre site in the new Rockwood industrial area in the north-east district.

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It is a good idea to know and check your electrical system now to be sure that you're getting the most out of it.

Service Entrance
It is difficult and even dangerous for a layman to accurately check the size of the wires and capacity of the main service panels. It is best to have this done by your electrical contractor.

The wires which connect your house to the power company's line and the box containing your main switch-and-fuse, or main circuit breaker, comprise the main entrance for electricity into your home. The present and future use of electricity in your home is limited by their capacity.

From the electric service entrance, electricity is carried, as needed, by means of smaller wires called branch circuits.

Branch Circuits
If your house is less than twenty years old, you can usually find out how many general purpose and plug-in appliance branch circuits you have by counting the plug fuses, or the circuit breakers and noting their ampere ratings.

If your house is over twenty years old, it may be difficult to find all the fuses or circuit

breakers. It is best to ask your electrical contractor to help you check.

He will also explain the pur-

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