

Unpainted Items Usually Cost Less

If you have more time than money with which to modernize your home, give a thought to unpainted furniture.

Usually priced within the range of "inexpensive" furniture, unpainted pieces enable you to select matched groups in hardwoods that would cost much more if completely finished.

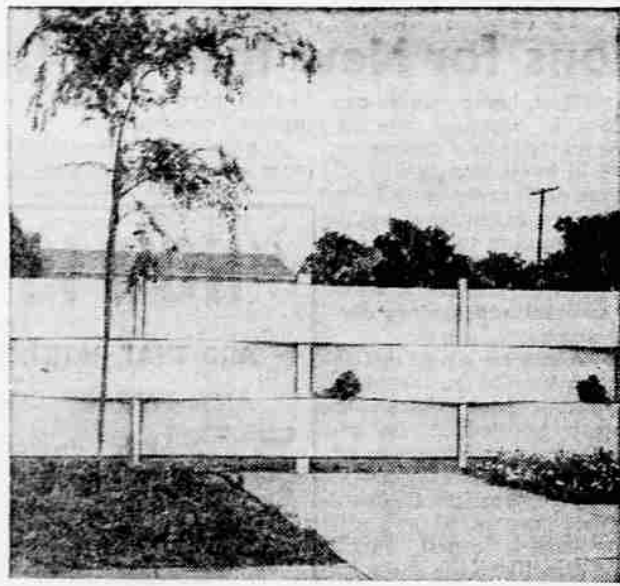
By careful selection you can choose individual pieces that fit the decor and dimensions of your home, adding to them as your time and budget permits. In this way your furnishings acquire a "custom built" look that expresses your own taste.

Be careful to select well constructed pieces. Look underneath tables, chairs and chests to see that the joints are well glued and securely bolted.

Pieces that are held together only with nails, will fall apart with a little use.

In refinishing unpainted furniture, sand the piece carefully before staining and finishing. The type of finish you select will depend upon the type of hardwood in the unpainted piece.

The dealer from whom you buy your unfinished furniture, or your paint dealer, will be able to help you choose the correct finishing agents and will instruct you in their use.



WOVEN FENCE—A woven fence is attractive, gives privacy to the home and can be built by the do-it-yourselfer. It can be constructed of pressed wood which comes in strips 12, 16 or 24 inches wide, and in lengths to 12 feet. Easily bent to fit the round posts, the strips can be nailed securely with five-penny galvanized siding or galvanized box nails, spaced at 4-inch intervals. With a good paint covering, the fence will last indefinitely in all kinds of weather. "Tempered Presdwood" by Masonite Corp.

Activity Center Has Moved to Garden

The center of family activities has moved from the house to the yard and garden. Enthusiastic suburbanites are spending more summer hours working and entertaining in their yards. Light-

ing up the yard now enables them to continue working and playing after dark.

They have found many advantages to lighting their gardens. Small "spots" carefully conceal-

Edging Line May Require Attention

The edging line where lawn and flower borders come together frequently requires as much attention as the flower beds.

You can save yourself countless hours of work by trimming the space between grass and flowers with an edging material.

Such material could be coarse gravel, brick, cement blocks, concrete, planks or logs — or whatever natural material is appropriate to your locality. The more simple the edging you use, the more beautiful will be the overall effect.

Inset your edging to lawn level for the greatest convenience. In this way it serves as a wheel base for your lawn mower.

Make your edge path wide enough to be used as a walkway on rainy days, and deep enough to hold water and mulches in flower beds, and act as a barrier for grass roots.

1,322 Hues Available For Painting Rooms

Many new paint developments make it easy to choose your new decorator colors and to paint.

A simplified paint-coloring system makes available as many as 1,322 hues. One merely selects the precise color desired by use of color chip charts and adds the specified amount of colorants, squeezed from metal tubes, into a white or neutral base paint.

New paint mixtures have been devised that eliminate the old nuisances of application, dripping, drying and odor. Since they are water-thinned and need no special solvent, cleaning up can be done with plain water. They also dry quickly and can be washed or scrubbed.

ed and directed, highlight trees and flower beds and give them a new look at night. Dimly lit lamp posts lend an air of romance... as do lanterns placed near benches and along garden paths.

And for parties on summer evenings, those directed lights create a gay atmosphere for dances, games and garden suppers.

Small floodlights offer safety advantages, too. Arranged for control from within the house, they provide insurance against nocturnal prowlers.

Electric equipment manufacturers now make all kinds of outdoor lighting fixtures, which can be easily installed.



EXTRA BEAUTY—The rich color of roses, the deep greens of climbers, shrubs and evergreens give extra beauty and more value to this home. Even the oldest home can gain a new look of luxury with distinctive, properly-planned landscaping. Photo by American Association of Nurserymen.

Planting Should Be Planned Now to Be Useful Later in Year

If you expect to keep your property beautiful and useful for outdoor living, plan your spring planting now.

Make a thorough inspection of your lawn. Early in the spring when the soil is fairly wet and the nights are still cool, scatter a good grade of grass seed on the bare spots and rake the seed in and water thoroughly. Fill in depressions with top soil and seed. Rake up all leaves and winter debris to give that smart clean appearance.

Make notes of places on your property where a new shrub or tree may be planted. A hedge or row of trees planted along the street can reduce traffic noises up to 60 per cent.

Note the Views

If you find an unpleasant

view of a neighbor's backyard, garbage, or alley, you can screen it out by planting hedges and trees. A living fence of roses can do much to define property lines and be pleasing to both.

If you do not have a good shade tree on the property, this spring is a good time to plant it. Buy the largest size you can afford in order to get the most shade as soon as possible. A sizeable shade tree doesn't cost any more than an outdoor umbrella and it's permanent. Plant it, if possible, on the west side of the house to block the hot summer sun.

Outdoor Living Room

Enjoy life during the summer in an outdoor living room. Your shade tree will come in handy here. High growing shrubs around the outdoor living area will give privacy and you can relax and serve meals in comfort.

Make the property express your personality by planting the things you like most. A trip to a nursery will give you many ideas. Do not try to plan to keep open plots of lawn, planting around its borders so you will have both beauty and the privacy that is conducive to pleasant family living.

When considering hedges in your planting plan, try to allow for flowering types.

Honeysuckle, forsythia and flowering almond are but a few of the favorites. Fruit-bearing types such as currants and gooseberries, give both beauty of color plus a toothsome crop.

A hedge of floribunda roses bears an abundance of blooms and provides lavish notes of color to your landscaping.

Attic May Be Made Into Living Space

Here's a Home Improvement idea for the home owner! The age of a house is no barrier to converting its attic into living space.

Insulation is always the essential first step in attic expansion. Ways have been developed to fit batt or blanket insulation between studs and rafters regardless of the house's age or the method of framing that was used to build it.

Mineral wool batts and blankets manufactured for sixteen or twenty-four inch stud spacing fit most construction, but batts and blankets are also available for houses with non-conventional framing.

Insulation is easily cut to in-between sizes is the only tool necessary. An ordinary kitchen knife works well.

The batt or blanket should be cut an inch, or a little less, wider than the space to be filled. This assures a snug fit.

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Right Tools for Garden Jobs Will Save Many Hours

The trees are budding and the wind smells like Spring!

It's time to take a look in the garage and see what garden tools you'll need to get the yard in shape before summer.

The right tools for each garden job will save you countless hours, blisters and backache in a season.

Probably the first task to confront you will be that of cleaning up the winter's accumulation of dead leaves and debris. For this you'll need a good lawn rake. Choose one with springy teeth that will not dig up tender blades of grass.

Leaf Burner

If you do not have a leaf-burner, now's the time to get one. You'll need it for disposing of garden waste all summer and for burning leaves in the fall.

Your lawn will probably need attention next. If you've planted a new lawn you'll want to keep it wet until the new grass is well rooted.

Start with a garden hose long enough to reach every corner of your yard. With this you should have a fog nozzle or mist spray to keep your lawn moist without washing the new seeds away.

If your lawn is well established, you may prefer a rotary sprinkler that makes a pretty pattern of water as it whirls.

Fertilizer, Plant Food

Your lawns, shrubs and flower beds will need fertilizer or plant food to get off to a good growing start — but not too much! To assure even distribution of fertilizers, provide yourself with a sturdy, adjustable spreader.

Your lawn mower will likely get more use than any other piece of garden equipment. For this reason alone it should be your most careful investment.

If you dread mowing the lawn, you may be wise to invest in a power mower. This makes the job not only easy, but actually fun! Whichever you prefer — reel-type or rotary mower — you'll find one to suit your needs and your budget.

Check Inventory

Check your inventory of the following tools for use on your vegetable plot and flower beds: a sharp spade and fork for deep digging and edging; a garden rake for mixing mulch and fertilizer into the topsoil; a hoe to keep the weeds down, and a good assortment of hand tools.

You might add spray equipment for the control of pests and fungus. Relatively inexpensive, there's sure to be one to fit your pocketbook.

This year start the job right — with the tools that will make light work of garden chores.

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