

Selecting Correct Wood Panel For Remodeling Is Important

An important item in many home building or remodeling plans this year will be a wood paneled room. Selecting the "right" paneling from the wide variety on display in the lumber dealer's show room, however, presents a major problem.

Here are hints from the United States Plywood Corporation for making your selection:

Prefinished paneling has many advantages. Finishing your own paneling is not only expensive and time-consuming, but results are also uncertain.

Easy To Maintain

Most finished panels are easy to maintain with an occasional damp-cloth wipe-down, and an infrequent waxing. And, since finishes are permanent, its initially higher cost over paint-on-plaster or wallpaper will more than pay its own way during years to come.

Prices for paneling vary widely. Here are a number of low-priced "textured" woods which cost as little as \$38 for a 12' by 8' wall. These woods, from which the softer Spring growth has been scoured out of the grain, create three-dimensional patterns with a driftwood effect.

The average middle priced range runs between \$45 and \$65 for a 12' by 8' wall.

Higher Priced

Cherry, walnut and oak are among the higher priced woods with their traditional popularity creating a comparative scarcity. The price range, roughly, is \$75 to \$80 for a 12' by 8' wall.

A major consideration in selecting paneling should be the use to which the room will be put. For a children's room, which will take hard usage, one of the textured woods - designed for hard knocks - might be advisable.

For a master bedroom, paneling in one of the new decorator colors would be lovely. For a formal living room reflecting a feeling of substance, it may pay to choose higher priced oak or walnut.

In selecting the variety of wood, it is advisable to consider whether the room to be paneled has plenty of light. If natural lighting is bright, it may be paneled with one of the darker woods such as mahogany or walnut, if the room is naturally dark, a lighter wood may be indicated.



ENJOYABLE—Garden living can be most enjoyable in a setting such as this. Hedges for privacy, shade trees for coolness, a smooth carpet of grass and the bright beauty of flowers can be important home improvements. To get the most out of your landscaping plan, consult with your favorite nurseryman.

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Same As Furniture

If you will use furniture you already own, make sure the paneling does not clash. It is often possible to install paneling of the same wood as your furniture.

If new furniture is to be purchased, it may match or complement the wood in the paneling.

Many woods have overtones of red, pink, yellow or brown which may clash with pre-conceived color schemes. On the other hand, it is now possible to obtain the luxury of a fine hardwood grain tinted in a color around which a decorating scheme may be planned.

Several Panel Styles

There are several panel styles from which to select. V-Plank, with grooves cut into the face vertically to give a random plank effect, is especially good for large areas and for somewhat informal types of interiors. Colonial V-Plank gives a decidedly Early American effect because of the pegs inserted above and below horizontal V-grooves

which are spaced like those in old peg planks. The standard panel, usually 4'x8' in dimension, fits most applications, formal or informal.

Wood paneled walls reflect the warmth and prestige which most of us prize so highly in our surroundings.

Fireproof gypsum wallboard is an ideal "add-a-room" material... it is easy to work with, economical and takes any type of decoration. The board's tapered edge—along with reinforcing tape and special adhesive used in the joint treatment—are carefully made to compliment each other. Together they form a "system" designed to produce joints that are invisible when decorated and strong as the board itself. No other wallboard system so effectively produces the appearance of a smooth seamless expanse.

At an early state, however, a local building materials dealer, a reliable contractor or architect should be consulted. All of these people are experts, and regardless of how much or how little of the work you do yourself, they can give valuable assistance in drawing plans and offer suggestions as to materials, as well as provide advice on light and heating problems.

Another reason for consulting a building materials dealer is that he may be able to advise you with regard to financing an "Add-A-Room" project, or perhaps even arrange for the remodeling loan himself.

'Growing Pains' Can Be Solved in Addition of Rooms

If your house has "growing pains," or a new bedroom or children's playroom is needed, it is wise to make a survey of under-roof areas—like the attic, basement, breezeway or garage—for "Add-A-Room" possibilities.

These are first areas to be considered since it's generally more economical to utilize unused or little-used space than to build an entirely new addition.

If some under-roof area is available, chances are you can get your new room at a surprisingly low cost. The amount of money needed will depend, of course, on such factors as the size of the new room, the building materials used, and the nature of any plumbing and heating installations that may be required.

It is possible, in most areas, to create an additional room in the basement or attic for as little as \$400, or convert a garage or enclose a porch or breezeway for as little as \$800.

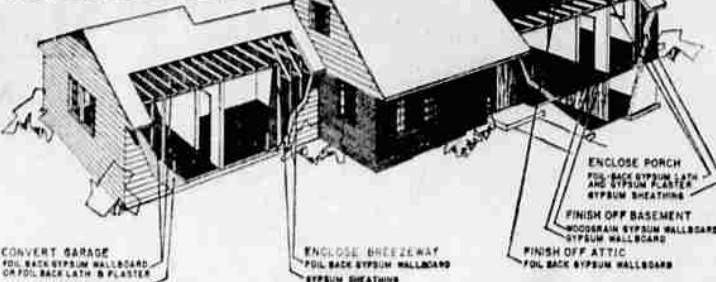
If, moreover, such do-it-yourself materials as easy-to-apply gypsum wallboard are used and you do the decorating yourself, you'll be able to achieve substantial savings.

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HOW TO ADD A ROOM



ENLARGE HOME—Modern products, such as gypsum, offer economical, not-too-difficult opportunities to enlarge the older home to provide bedrooms, extra storage space or recreation area for expanding needs and growing families.

Walls Can Be Made Into Musical Centers

You can have a ball with a wall - especially if it's a musical one.

Skyrocketing sales of musical instruments, phonographs, tape recorders, recordings, "hi-fi" and stereo equipment - all indicate there's lots of music in the home!

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imagination, "music" can also become the focal point in your home decor plan.

If you're one of the 13-million persons who own a piano or an organ - you're off to a good start! Place it in the center of the wall and build around it.

Prefabricated

A series of prefabricated cabinets on either side of the piano will give continuity and symmetry to the plan.

There are a vast number of modern and traditional cabinet styles from which to choose.

With pre-fabs, you can add to the music wall as your collection grows, and as space permits.

Music walls are functional as well as attractive - they provide compact storage facilities for all types of equipment, help preserve the life of musical instruments and provide a convenient center for all musical activities.

Tape Recorders

It's easy also to provide the specific space you need for storing tape reels or recordings, sheet music and other accessories.

Tape recorders and phonograph equipment can be built right into the cabinets; holes

Carpets, Rugs Play Important Part in Home Remodeling

In home remodeling or improvement, a carpet or a rug can do several important jobs at once and should be considered at the beginning of the project.

If floors are in poor condition, wall-to-wall carpeting may be the most economical choice, since carpet can provide a finished floor as well as a decorative area of color in a room. Good quality carpeting, installed with padding which helps to fill in uneven spots, can save the cost of expensive floor refinishing.

On the other hand, if floors are in good condition, a room-size rug would permit handsome flooring to show and would still provide softness and warmth underfoot.

Unbroken Expanse

Consider an unbroken expanse of carpeting if architectural features of a room are poor. Color and texture

on the floor can help make a small room seem larger, or can aid in "pulling together" rooms or areas which are broken up by jogs and corners.

If a room is a regular size and shape—say, a large rectangle—a room-size rug will provide a pleasing "decorative frame" around the room.

Complete color schemes can be built around the carpet or rug, since the floor is the largest unbroken area of color within a room. Paint, upholstery and drapery fabrics and accent colors can all be chosen to complement or harmonize with the floor.

Acoustical studies have shown that carpeting can also reduce impact noise by at least 50 per cent within a room—so this functional benefit of keeping rooms quieter should be considered in total planning.

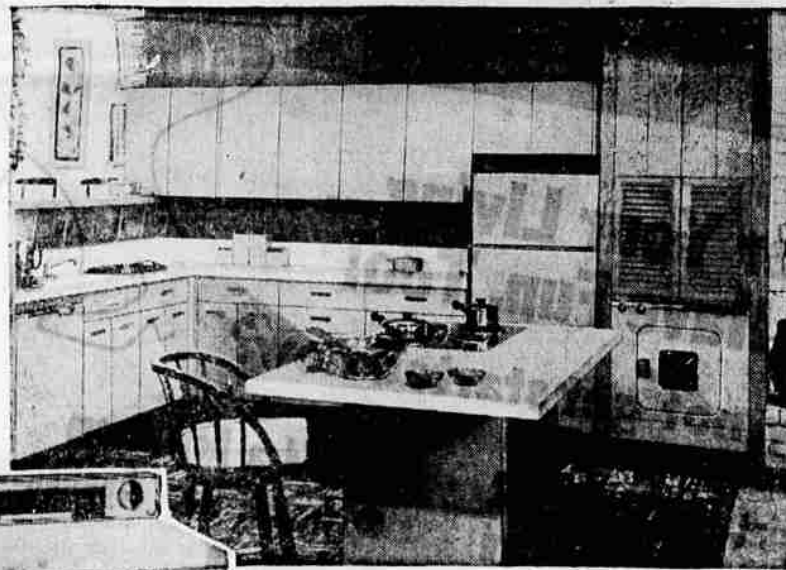
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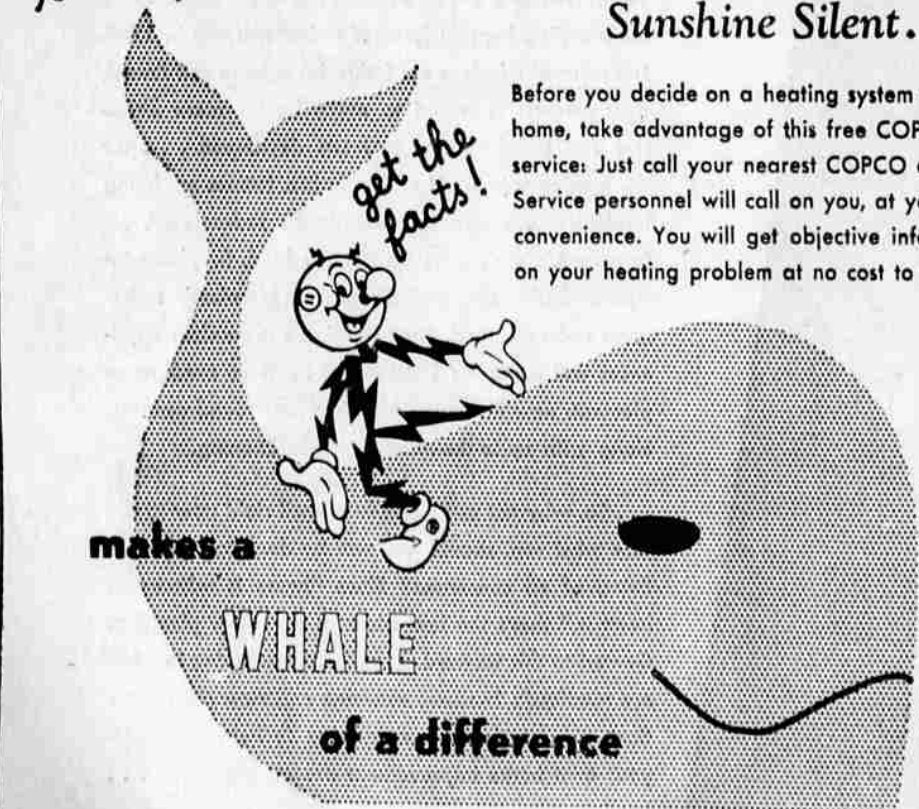
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