

Ceramic-Face Glass Offers Many Potential Colors

A new ceramic-face glass block offers the homeowner a potential for using more color and design in his home improvement projects.

Its weatherproof ceramic finish makes the block suitable for outdoor as well as indoor use.

Room dividers, indoors or windbreak screens, outdoors—may be made as colorful as they are functional.

Blue, coral, yellow and green are the colors of the ceramic-face block. This permits a vast variety of imaginative patterns and combinations by mixing and mating with the glass block.

Random Patterns
Horizontal, vertical, checkerboard and random patterns can be achieved easily.

As the blocks are joined by mortar, they can be used outdoors to form a weatherproof wall which has an insulation value equal to that of an eight-inch masonry wall.

Architects and designers find the use of glass block ideal for bringing more daylight into the home. Together with the new ceramic-face block they can now add the plus factor of more color and design.



ENTRANCEWAY—A gracious welcome is the keynote of this bright entranceway, dramatized by its "Shou" escutcheon and "Tulip" knob design in gold aluminum. The soft, lustrous finish of the gold enhances the white door.—Door trim by Schlage Lock Co. roofing.

Garden Hints

Slips from your vines or bushy-type plants will root easily. Roots form in soil, but vermiculite or sand is better. Cut 5 inches from your old plant, slightly below a leaf. Cut off lower leaves. Cover 2 inches of stem.

If you want to root a number of cuttings, use a large flowerpot. Plug up the drainage hole in a 3-inch pot, and place it in the center. Fill the area between the two pots with wet sand. Moisture will come through the center pot filled with water.

Fruit trees offer two extras that you do not get with other types of trees: spring blossoms and fall fruit!

The smallest lot can accommodate fruit trees. . . dwarf varieties. They are heavy fruit bearers and often yield fruit earlier.

More shade is the advantage of standard size trees. . . and when there is enough space, are a fine choice.

In planting trees that have balled and burlap-covered roots. . . make the hole, set the tree into it. . . untie the burlap, leaving the roots balled. . . cover dirt in over the burlap lined hole.

Don't mulch bulbs before the frost. The object of mulching is to keep the frost in the ground.

In the fall remember to gather fallen leaves from the lawn and add them to your compost pile. Or if you prefer spade them into old annual beds for a rich humus supply.

In homes with children, a spacious, sturdy playground set is almost a must. It helps give the youngsters healthful exercise and at the same time keeps them at home.

An ideal way to pave your patio or terrace is with concrete, reinforced rods or wire mesh. For smart accent, concrete can be colored.

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COLORFUL FIXTURES—The bathroom, often the most neglected room in the house when it comes to improvement, offers wonderful opportunities for modernization, with new, colorful fixtures, the newest plywoods for the walls, or tile on floors and walls. Fixtures for 1960 are streamlined, decorative and colorful, with trim, easy-to-care-for virtues. "Medallion" Bathtub by Beautyware, Water Closet by King, "Chaucer" Lavatory by Briggs.



ACOUSTICAL CEILING—New acoustical ceiling tile combines decorator colors and distinctive patterns with its marvelous noise-absorbing qualities! Soft pastel shades are color-matched to enhance or complement any room decor. Up to 70 per cent of noise striking the ceiling is absorbed by perforations.—By Kaiser Gypsum Company, Inc.

Kitchen Is Becoming Heart of the Home

No longer the household stepchild, the kitchen has literally burst through its walls to become the heart of the home.

Today work areas combine with living areas . . . giving the homemaker everything right at hand to work with, and space left over for hospitality and relaxation.

Now even jobs such as laundry, garbage disposal and water heating, can be brought close to cooking and dining areas without in any way spoiling the charm of the room—thanks to modern gas appliances.

Use of Partitions
One of the tricks used by the experts to combine work areas with living areas is the imaginative use of partitions. These provide a backing for equipment where wall space is at a premium, yet allow for flexibility of arrangement to permit greater efficiency and ease of upkeep.

Home laundries lend themselves ideally to this arrangement and when made a continuation of the cooking center, save the housewife many steps. They also enable her to supervise two or three operations at the same time.

If you are cramped for space, investigate the new gas automatic washing-machine-dryer combinations on the market today. These two-in-one appliances save space and save on installation charges as well.

Experts suggest that you install an automatic gas hot water heater with hand-set thermostat controls near your laundry equipment, since most modern fabrics require varying degrees of hot water.

A well-designed kitchen must include plenty of storage space, sufficient work areas for food preparation and clean-up, and a convenient place for the many labor-saving appliances available today.

TIME TO "STAKE-OUT"
If your plants are now only seeds, bulbs or young sprouts, this is the time to stake them if they will eventually need support. Later on, staking may cause damage to roots.

IMPROVEMENT IDEAS
Concrete improvements will both enhance the beauty and increase the value of your property. And you can build them yourself, easily and economically.

Dependability, compactness and economy are among the advantages of gas-fired floor furnaces. Depending on the size of the home and the climate, a single furnace may meet all heating needs, or several may be employed.

The ceiling is going up in the living room! Many new homes have high ceiling living rooms for added spaciousness. They are especially shown in split level houses that use this idea to contrast a low 'intimate look' to the bedroom.

Summertime—Outdoor Time Is Just Ahead!



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Roses Can Be Used For Many Purposes

Roses have many uses on the home property . . . in addition to their color, fragrance and multiplicity of bloom, they also are functional in relation to the landscaping of the property.

According to the American Association of Nurserymen, some of the functional uses of rose plants are as follows:

For a formal rose garden, plants should be selected to provide for cutting exceptional blooms of high quality that can be conversation pieces. Hybrid tea roses are widely used in the formal rose garden.

As a living fence, roses can help give privacy, depending on the plants selected. They can supply thousands of small blooms or hundreds of large blooms in many colors. Floribunda, grandiflora or climbing rose plants may be used.

As specimen plants, roses add color to the property. Grandiflora roses have a big future in landscaping.

Tree Roses Colorful
Tree roses are colorful and distinctive bordering walks or standing amongst lower-grow-

ing plants to add more height, dignity and elegance.

Miniature roses are attractive as low border plants. They provide a supply of dainty flowers for indoor decoration, especially table decorations.

A climbing rose plant beside a porch can add shade as well as lovely color and bloom. Or properly trellis-trained, the plants can enliven a drab garden with brilliant color.

Everyone recognizes the rose immediately. Some of the newer varieties are conversation pieces, and are much admired by passers-by.

New rose colors, from lavender to orange, with many new shades of yellow, pink and red, have been produced by famous hybridizers here and abroad.

Select your rose plants with care. With the helpful advice of your nurseryman, roses can serve functionally as well as for beauty. Select quality plants — for the few cents more they may cost they pay off in two or three times as many blooms.

Compatible Cooling Systems Are Reviewed

In the Spring, a home-owner's fancy may turn to thoughts for summer cooling.

What is the most suitable cooling equipment for a particular house? Much depends upon the style and size of house. If hydronic (modern hot water) heating is already in, there's a greater variety of cooling equipment to choose from, including systems for both heating and cooling, or for cooling alone.

According to the Better Heating-Cooling Council, these so-called compatible cooling systems are:

Chilled Water
Separate Chilled Water Unit: Chilled water is piped from a water chilling plant to a central cooling unit which converts the water into cool, conditioned air. Cooling unit is installed in a closet, or in a "distributing chamber" made by dripping the ceiling of a center hall.

Conditioned air is distributed through outlets located high on the walls. Separate hydronic

baseboard system is used for heating.

Heating-Cooling Convectors: A boiler and water chiller connected to a common piping system circulate either chilled or hot water to heating-cooling convector units in each room. Convectors contain a fan, coils and filter. A switch is sometimes provided for individual room control.

Chilled Air Unit: A "chilled air" unit, containing all equipment needed to cool and condition the air, is installed in the attic, a center hall closet or in a dripped ceiling chamber. From its central location, it cools all surrounding rooms. Separate hydronic baseboard system is used for heating.

Self-Contained Room Units: Room units also contain within a single cabinet everything needed for conditioning the air. Units usually cool one room and are installed "through the wall." Separate hydronic baseboard system is used for heating.



INCREASES VALUE—Good landscaping increases the resale value of the home some twenty-five per cent or more, advises the American Association of Nurserymen. Here the formal lines of the house are "softened" and enhanced by well-planned lovely plantings.



BUILT-IN STORAGE—Paul McCobb, noted designer, has created this new contemporary group of built-in storage components for a completely coordinated interior. These units are equally at home in any room of the house. Shown here is a combination dining area and work center. The kitchen-work section (not shown) is to the right of the dining table. —"Series 700" by Mutschler Bros. Company

Choice of Correct Carpet Explained

How to choose the right carpet, a problem that perplexes many a housewife, is discussed fully in a colorful, new "Carpet Buying Guide" from Du Pont.

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