

Homes, Apts. Can Be Improved With Partitions

One of the most effective ways to make a house or an apartment more attractive and livable is to partition existing rooms. Best of all, you can easily build partitions yourself without carpentry experience or power tools. There are many different uses for partitions, according to the National Lumber Manufacturers association.

Enclosing a portion of the kitchen, for example, provides a more pleasant, semi-private dining area. Similar improvements can be produced by partitioning studies out of living rooms or porches, and erecting vestibules around front doors.

Make one big bedroom into two smaller ones by means of partition. This idea is particularly useful to families with young children, for growing youngsters inevitably need rooms of their own.

Single Framework
Partitions consist simply of a framework made of 2x4 lumber covered with wood paneling or wall board; 2x4's are also used to frame doorways and other openings. Molding strips laid along the top of the partition offer easy means of hiding gaps between it and the ceiling.

If you have building plans, take them to a lumber dealer. For a nominal charge, he'll cut all the components to the right size. Then all you need do is put the pieces together with simple hand tools.

The use of angle braces and similar metal fasteners eliminates tricky nailing and permits much of the work to be preassembled on floor or table.

Decorative Function

Most partitions, besides dividing unsatisfactory areas, also perform decorative functions. Instead of erecting a full floor-to-ceiling separator, for example—run it only part-way up. Instead of making a solid wall—design it with vertical or horizontal openings in the unit by means of boards or dowels spaced a number of inches apart.

Shelving, drawers, closets, trays, and planter boxes—to mention just a few—can each be built into a partition to increase its utility. Your building materials dealer will gladly advise you concerning needed materials and simplified methods. It's as simple as that.

Sears Markets New 2-Dimensional Tile

"do-it-yourself" trend continues to take the country by storm, though some aspects of it go back 30 years or more. Enamelled tile boards, for example, first found favor as a do-it-yourself home improvement idea as far back as 1930.

Noting the success of tile boards, manufacturers came up with the idea of individual plastic tiles; it found immediate acceptance in the late '40's, and last year, more than 100 million square feet of plastic wall tile were sold.

Consumers have constantly demanded improvement both in beauty and durability of these tiles. Now, a new three-dimensional plastic wall tile has been recently introduced by Sears, Roebuck and Co. as part of their Homart line.

Called "Alabaster" because of its semi-translucence and unique marbled design, the new tile is almost twice as thick as federal commercial standards require.

Good kitchen planning is a science, incorporating several basic practices and hundreds of other important decisions that should never be left to hit-or-miss, jigsaw puzzle methods.

Outdoor Chef Can Pick From Many Barbecue Aids

The outdoor chef who wants to shine this summer can choose his "weapons" from a bigger-than-ever range of barbecue aids.

Among the more elaborate of these is a motorized unit with an electric fire-lighter

Control of Humidity Advised for Homes

Summer humidity is hard on humans, but it also can harm fabrics, leather and paper goods, furniture and many more household objects. Fortunately, it can be controlled by modern, efficient, automatic dehumidifier units.

This year's dehumidifiers come with more powerful motors, and with improved automatic humidity controls that work with thermostat efficiency to keep operating costs down and comfort up.

GROWN-UP POOL

Kiddies' wading pools have grown into adult-size models through the use of vinyl liners supported on steel frames and steel sides.

attachment, a rotisserie with hood and its own steel work table and storage shelf. Portable refrigerators are going out of doors, so that ice cubes, ice cream, butter, milk and salad makings will always be handy and as cold as you please.

Grills are the "basic" of barbecuing; nowadays they to stay at home or travel with you to the beach or mountains. Some models have electrical attachments, so food can cook while the chef relaxes.

Measure Fireplace

It's a good idea to measure your indoor fireplace before you buy; a grill that fits can be used the year 'round to give food a "summer" charcoal flavor.

City dwellers, whose outdoor cooking is restricted to a terrace, sun-deck or small courtyard garden, can avail themselves of table model grills. These can easily sit on shelves, window sills, wheeled carts or tops of walls. Stainless steel wind screens, wisely placed, will discipline the breezes and keep the neigh-

bors from getting splattered.

Grill Will Travel

For summer outings, there are several grills that travel well; one has handles that convert to legs when you reach

your destination.

A battery of little barbecuing broilers is suggested for the family in which everyone wants to play chef. Each broiler comes with its own windbreaker and, is just the right size for a pizza or three or four burgers or franks.

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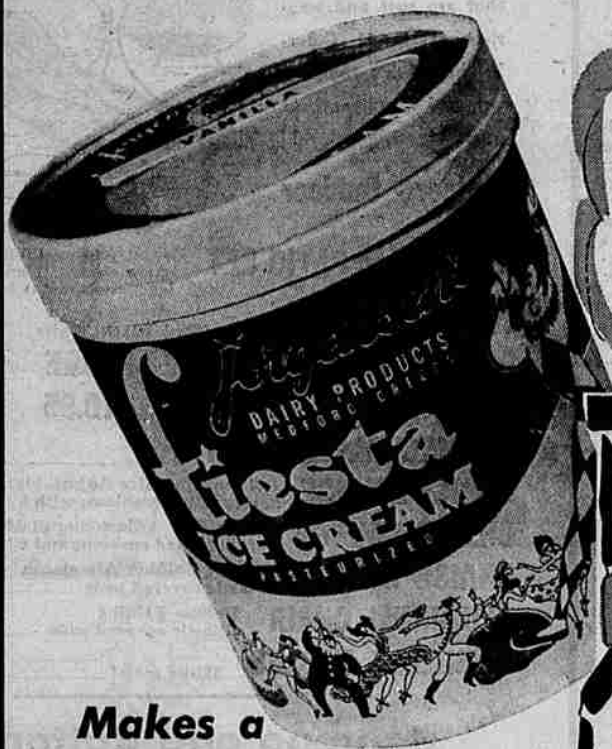
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