



OUTDOOR TOUCH—A luxury look of texture in siding adds the smart finishing touch to a quality home. The new Deep-Tex Siding shown here adds character to the exterior of a home and is always in good taste.

Rose Culture Cited As Healthy Pastime

Like to have a large and exquisitely beautiful rose garden?

Some thousands of home owners have rose gardens ranging from fifty to several thousand plants including internationally-famous varieties as well as old favorites. Many more home owners of course have rose gardens ranging up to 25 plants or so.

Rose culture not only is a healthy pastime that gets people outdoors but is one of the most mentally refreshing and beautiful activities one can engage in around the home.

"Home owners who wish to be better informed about roses should do three things," states American Association of Nurserymen:

1. Read the garden pages of their favorite newspaper and magazines.

2. Join the American Rose Society, Park of Roses Columbus, Ohio, a strictly non-profit organization with very moderate dues.

3. Study nursery catalogues and get advice from their favorite nurserymen.

By following a few rules, says the American Association of Nurserymen, help obtain better blooms, lovelier roses.

1. When planting, dig a hole wide enough for the roots to spread out without cramping. Dig enough so that the soil

will be loose and friable for six inches or so below the level of the roots. Mix peat moss into the soil and firm the soil so there will be no large air spaces around the roots.

Handful of Fertilizer

2. Fertilize when growth starts in spring and then again after the heavy blooming period. Do not over-fertilize. A handful of good rose fertilizer will suffice.

3. Mulching helps roses. Spread peat moss or other mulch on the surface of the ground to a depth of two to four inches around the main stems.

4. Spray regularly with recommended rose sprays.

5. Snip off old blooms. This induces heavier later blooming.

6. Where winters are severe, mound earth around the stems up to eight to ten inches high to help them through the dormant seasons.

Remove the mound in the spring.

Good care of the plants insures more bountiful production of larger blooms.

SAFETY TOOL

An effective safety tool and hygiene guard, a swimming pool cover can also provide an attractive splash of color for your outdoor-living area, that fits into your decorative scheme.

Hardwood Paneling New Idea in Building Materials

The "revolution" in building materials has brought so many improved products, it's almost impossible to keep up with them.

One new idea in building materials is beautiful hardwood wall paneling that, thanks to progress of the plywood industry, now comes in luxurious-looking, easy-to-handle 4 by 8-foot or longer factory finished panels.

The recent development of a multicoated, baked-on plastic "family-proof" finish that defies normal wear, tear and stains (very similar to the baked-on finish of a fine auto) has added new impetus to the trend toward natural woods.

It's easy to apply. But big questions among the uninitiated apparently still are: "Just how do you apply it?" and "How do you figure the right number of panels to buy?"

The answers came from a "carpenter" — Mel Carpenter (his real name), and executive of Georgia-Pacific Corp. in Portland, Ore., the world's largest plywood maker.

Carpenter is author of a just-issued handbook on "How To Panel," which answers many more than the usual questions. "Actually," Carpenter explains, "anyone who can handle a hammer and saw can apply the new already-finished hardwood plywood panels."

In remodeling, a new wall of natural hardwood can be applied without even removing furniture or carpeting — the baked-on factory finish eliminates such messy items as

sanding, sealing, varnishing or lacquering.

Estimating the number of panels needed can be done by at least two methods:

Merely add the length of the two sides and two ends of the room or the circumference. Divide that footage-figure by 4 to find the number of 4-foot-wide panels you need. Then deduct 4/6 of a panel for each door, 3/6 for the fireplace. If you discover you need 12 and 4/6ths of a panel, for example, you will of course need 13 panels.

A more accurate method is to figure the square footage of all walls to be paneled (length times the height of each). Then figure square footage of window, door and fireplace openings (same formula) and deduct from the total footage of the walls.

If your walls are 8 feet high or slightly less, divide the net square footage total by 32 (each 4 by 8 panel covers 32 square feet) and you have the number of panels. If the walls are 9 feet high or slightly less, divide by 36 (4 by

9 panels cover 36 square feet).

If you must store the hardwood plywood sheets, lay them flat. Don't apply them over new plaster walls until the plaster is completely dried. The plaster's moisture will have a hard time getting through those multiple coats of baked-on "family proofing".

When you have installed "family-proof" panels, the room you have paneled is ready for living after a swish with a damp cloth to wipe off any fingerprints or smudges.

There are special questions for special paneling jobs, and author Carpenter gives full details for the job in his handbook: Free copies are available by writing Mel Carpenter at Georgia-Pacific Corp., Equitable Building, Portland 4, Ore.

Carpenter's free handbook has 25 diagrams illustrating various methods of applying paneling, including corners, ceilings, around windows, etc., plus diagrams of the various moldings and a sketch showing how and where they are used.

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