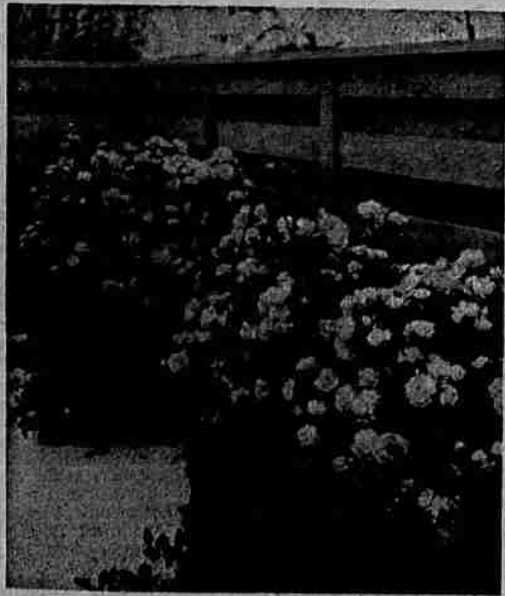




FINE EXAMPLE—Circus, an All-America floribunda, is a fine example of the new race in roses that is winning wide popularity among home gardeners throughout the nation. Its spectacular show of changing colors—yellow, orange, scarlet, buff, apple blossom pink and red—presents a different color display each day of the blooming season. Its predominant color is yellow. Circus, which grows to a height of about 30 inches, is extremely hardy, offering a profusion of clustered blooms throughout the spring, summer and fall in many areas. The versatility of the floribunda makes it highly desirable for a border or foundation plant, to accentuate walls or fences, or as a fence in itself. Circus, winner of the AARS award in 1956, was created by Armstrong Nurseries, Inc., Ontario, Calif.

Plant Plan Advised For Home Property

It's easy to plant the home property from a plan and, in the long run, it is more economical. A good plan will tell you what and where to plant so you are certain, when the planting is completed, to have a far more beautiful and valuable property, providing more gracious living than ever.

There are basic steps to be followed in assuring top grade landscaping, according to the American Association of Nurserymen:

If you are building a new house, it is wise to consult with your landscape nurseryman.

For older homes whose landscaping is overgrown, a plan is just as necessary as with a new home. Oftentimes, sound planning of re-landscaping will save many overgrown plants. They can be transferred to locations where they will serve a definite purpose.

Rest Is Easier

—Once you have a good plan, the rest is easier. First comes the planting of one or more shade or flowering trees, depending on the size

of your property.

—Make a good lawn. Your nurseryman will advise open lawns for several reasons, mainly because open lawns are more attractive and are easier to mow.

—The foundation planting comes next. If your planting has become scraggly and outmoded it may be best to tear it out and start all over.

—As for the overall design, modern practice prescribes curved lines. Plants should not be higher than the bottom of ground floor windows. Larger plants at the corners are "tied together" by planting low-growing plants between them.

Gracious Living Space

—Specimen plants and special gardens provide for a gracious outdoor living area. Roses are a "must" somewhere in this space.

—Perennials, flowering trees and shrubs should be planted to give a long blooming season to have something in flower at all times. Use the very best plants available for this purpose. Dwarf fruit trees can be mighty attractive

Interior Paints Classified by Gloss, Solvents

Paints for interior surfaces are generally classified by the amount of gloss and by the type of thinner or solvent.

From the standpoint of gloss, paints and enamels are gloss, semi-gloss or flat. From the standpoint of solvent, today's paints are water thinned, generally called latex, or are thinned with odorless mineral spirits, and are generally called alkylid paints or enamels.

Flat paints are usually recommended for walls in living rooms, dining rooms and bedrooms, and because they diffuse light evenly without glare, they are preferred for ceilings.

Best For Woodwork

Easy-care, scrubbable gloss or semi-gloss paints and enamels are preferred for woodwork; because of their greater resistance to moisture, dirt, steam and grease, gloss and semi-gloss paints are best for kitchens, bathrooms and laundry rooms.

Latex paints are also often called emulsion, plastic or rubberized and are sometimes named for their principal resin: acrylic, styrene-butadiene, or vinyl. All latexes have these characteristics; they dry in less than an hour, are odor-free, show no lap marks, can be touched up without showing; tools clean with plain water. Latexes can be used on previously painted or primed woodwork, serve as their own primer on new plaster and dry walls and can be used as a prime coat for alkylids.

Alkylid paints and enamels are also generally odorless, dry in a few hours. They have greater hiding power, are tougher and more scrubbable than latex paints.

Do-it-yourselfers generally prefer latex paints because they are regarded as being easier to apply and there is no lap-mark problem.

Other paints that can be

when in flower and in fruit.

—Problem plantings come next. If you have an undesirable view of somebody's back yard—you can use plants to shut it off—at the same time providing beauty. Traffic noises can also be screened off by certain types of plants that are sound barriers.



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Furniture Fabrics Look, Wear Good

Many couples with young children sacrifice their home improvement dreams and wait till their children are grown before getting the furniture, decor and type of home they really want.

Today, homemakers can choose furniture and fabrics that are not only beautiful—but also most practical. Now, new finishes make upholstered furniture, drapes and curtains both soil and stain-resistant.

used for interior walls are multi-color paints and texture paints. Multicolor, as the name implies, is a paint that produces a finish of several different colors when it dries even though it is applied in a single operation. There is a predominant base color on which appear flecks of several colors.

Texture paints are thick paints which can be patterned after they are applied by going over the surface with a sponge, crumpled newspaper, comb, whiskbroom or anything else that will form a pattern. They're especially good where the old wall is cracked or pitted or uneven because of many patches.

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Heavy Type

In addition to selecting soil and stain-resistant fabrics, the family with growing children should choose the type of furniture fabrics suitable for heavy wear. No matter how interesting loose-woven fabrics may look, the yarns usually get caught in clothing and toys.

To keep upholstered furniture clean, it should be brushed once a week with a whisk broom. Dirt embedded in fabric makes it wear out faster. Of course, upholstered furniture should be cleaned professionally once a year.

Since the arms of chairs get the most wear, and are often the first to get soiled and stained—a successful decorating trick is to have arms slipcovers made of the same fabric to protect them. These fit over the arm like a glove and won't slip or slide off, and can be whisked off when company comes.

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