



GETTING DINNER READY in their small remodeled home is Mrs. E. H. (Anita) Dondson holding her small son Russell, six months. The island on the left separates the present one room dwelling into the kitchen and bedroom sections. The Dondsons are planning an expansion of their home in the spring.

New Fiberglas Boon To Home

Attention, home economists: forget all about cooking and baking and cleaning house and learn how to work with Fiberglas.

It seems that you can hardly get through a day's living without finding out what new thing this material and its plastic brethren can do.

In Miami Beach, Fla., an outfit called Fab Fashions is making it for the first time as a wall covering.

Coverings in a textured finish, a striated finish or in a ratine variation—whatever that is.

And its makers say it can be cleaned and kept lovely with no effort at all. The fibers of glass are combined with vinyl plastic.

Not only, says manufacturer Hess-Goldsmith, are the wall coverings beautiful and dirt resistant, but they are impervious to spilled foods—a terrible threat to most walls.

Wall coverings are only one of the resounding alarms in the decorating industry. An outfit in New Jersey has come up with a Fiberglas-and-polyester plastic window box.

What makes this news? Well, you know what an awful problem you've been having with soil acids attacking your old window box. Seems as though Fiberglas is impervious to soil acids.

Not only that, but the new win-

dow box is also resistant to pollen erosion—a wearing away of the box by pollen falling on it (you know, the way a river can eat away a mountain of rock).

The window boxes are light—about three pounds—and can be attached to the house with metal brackets and screws.

A wonderful thing, this Fiberglas. Long after your house disintegrates under the elements, the window box and wall coverings will still be standing, striated, haughty and impervious.

CONVENIENT KITCHENS

Built-in type kitchens with plenty of cabinet and counter space are taking much of the drudgery out of preparing meals and doing dishes. They are getting greater emphasis in new homes and present a relatively easy remodeling problem in older homes. What hom-makers wouldn't enjoy a room-length working counter? It can house a dishwasher, garbage disposer and even the family washer and drier. Appliances and cabinets now come finished in colored porcelain to end the bleak look which formerly characterized kitchens. Wood cabinets with natural, rubbed finishes are also popular. The kitchen is now being joined to the rest of the house through the use of room dividers, half walls and snack bars.

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Stool Adapts Colored Tiles

An attractive, slipproof stool for the children to use in the bathroom in their tooth brushing, washing routines is a project that makes use of leftover rubber tiles.

If you've finished tiling a room, you surely have some tiles left. It's easy to adapt them to a good-looking cover for a small stool stepladder because resilient rubber, besides being durable, is extra easy to cut.

All you need for this useful job is a sharp, tile cutting knife and a little flooring adhesive.

First cut your tiles to fit and lay them out carefully on the foot-stool top you plan to cover. Remove and apply the flooring adhesive. Then stick the tiles back into place and roll with an ordinary rolling pin.

Because of its slipproof surface, the stool serves equally well for use by Mom in the kitchen. If you don't have leftover tiles, you can

still tackle the project by buying some inexpensive new ones.

Try to match the color of your floor so the stool top will add to the decorative scheme.

TERRY CLOTH IS VERSATILE

Terry cloth now is being used to make lots of things besides towels. This traditional bathroom utility fabric is fast gaining favor in such uses as chaise lounge covers, curtains, pot holders, couch covers and aprons. Since 1953, sales of terry cloth covers for patio furniture have skyrocketed. Terry cloth covers provide greater comfort because they are not affected by hot or cool temperatures as much as metal or plastic covered furniture, consumers say. These washable, absorbent covers are expected to be even more popular next year.

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