

# Iron Used For Furniture

Wrought iron, so popular in furniture, finds a new use in wall directions that can be made at home. Animal shapes to liven a drab wall or a child's room or three dimensional "sculptures" or lamp bases can be made, using a home propane torch.

According to the Berns-O-Matic people, for a wall decoration you need: paper, pencil, board, nails, hammer, wrought iron wire, wire cutter, clamp, solder, paint and the torch.

How to do it:

1. Draw outline of shape desired on paper and attach to board. Drive nails into board at close intervals around edge of design.
2. Bend wire around nails to obtain shape, heating wire with torch to make it easy to bend. Clip wire where necessary.
3. Camp ends to be soldered. Solder with torch. Also join any metal washers, etc., that may be part of design.
4. Sand soldered joints and paint with flat paint.

For home repairmen who like to do it all themselves, even on metal fixtures and wiring, there are two new appliances on the market.

The new Weller soldering gun, just for the home repairman or hobbyist, can be used for repairing downspouts, working on hi-fi sets or putting in light switches.

With it, two attachments can be obtained — a cutting tip and a smoothing one. The cutter will remove hardened putty, the smoothing tip will seal home freezer bags.

There is also a midget welding and cutting outfit made by Prest-O-Lite. It is one-third the standard to the oxygen and acetylene tanks and the regulator for the outfit fits in a box 3 x 4 x 4 inches.

# Radiators Ugly? Hide Them With A Cover Of Pine

If you have unsightly radiators — and many homes still do — they are welcome in winter for their warmth, but an eye-sore, all the same. They really don't do much for the decorating scheme of the room, do they?

A few pieces of western pine lumber, some inexpensive grille work, and a hammer and saw will transform that eye-sore into an attractive addition to any room.

Choose one of the western pine woods in a ten-inch width. For a natural or stained finish, choose a knotty or rich-grained species. If you wish to paint your radiator cover, to match the room, a clear or knotty grade can be used. Before painting knotty lumber apply a clear knot sealer.

Use regular square-cut boards for the top and side pieces and tongue-and-groove lumber for front panels. If you have the tools, mitre all edges to conceal the joints. Otherwise place the front panels the full width, with the top and two end boards inset.

# Kitchens of Pine Recapture Charm of "Good Old Days"



DO YOU EVER DREAM of the coziness of Grandmother's kitchen? There's no need to dream about the past when warm, charming kitchens such as this are available. Modern work-saving appliances are combined here with practical western pine cabinets to spell gracious living.

Just what do they mean by "the good old days?" More and more we've come to realize that the old days weren't so good after all.

One feature worth recalling, however, was the coziness of Grandmother's kitchen. But with the modern emphasis toward efficiency, that was the one quality we lost for a number of years. Our kitchens were efficient, but they were cold and white.

Fortunately, through the increasing use of western pine paneling by itself, or teamed with old brick, stone, or provincial wallpaper, we've regained the rustic charm and warmth of Grandmother's kitchen.

Today our pine paneling is just as beautiful as Grandmother's. But we have the advantage of so much more variety and patterns of paneling due to modern advances in the lumber industry. The western pine woods, for example, are comprised of ten different species from light to dark, in knotty or clear grades, and in a variety of milled patterns. Added to that are the modern stains, paints, and other finishes which give us a choice of time and color that Grandmother never dreamed of.

In kitchen convenience we are also way ahead. We've given up some of the space of Grandmother's kitchen, but with it has gone much of the work. Our kitchens are compact. They are planned scientifically for step-saving convenience.

We've largely given up the walk-

in pantry, but we haven't given up storage space. The increasing popularity of western pine paneling has ushered in a new concept of storage. It has made possible whole walls of decorative cabinets. It has also erased size limitations of cabinets. Pine cabinets can be built to fit any space — from a large double-door china cabinet to a tiny spice receptacle above a built-in oven.

Today it's Grandmother who should be envious. For while capturing the charm of past generations, our kitchens provide efficiency and convenience which spell new-found freedom for the modern housewife.

### SCRAP RUSTY NAILS

Never use rusty nails. For any outdoor work, or where some moisture will be encountered, use aluminum nails.

# Folding Doors Save Space

Folding doors, ideal space savers and room dividers, can be installed by a homeowner in a matter of minutes.

A folding door can save up to eight square feet of space when it is used as an interior or closet door. It can save yards of "visual space" when it is used as a temporary room divider.

Accordofold, a door made by the American Bamboo Company, is available in a variety of colors and sizes. Made of vinyl plastic, it can be cleaned with a damp cloth.

Do-it-yourself installation consists of six basic steps, according to the manufacturers.

1. Center and fit metal track to the top of the opening. Mark off the screw holes, and punch holes to start screws.
2. Place door on flat surface and slice nylon glides on door into track. Keep folds partially open until center of track is reached.
3. Hold door and track as unit, then attach track to the top of opening. Attach center screws first. Center the door on track.

4. To fasten door in place, drill four holes in the anchor flap and screw into wall. Use countersunk washer screws.

5. Close door, making sure that lead rail is plumb, and mark off on wall the top and the bottom of nylon friction latch.

6. Remove latch from door handle and screw to the wall between markings.

Total time: about the same it takes to read instructions, four to seven minutes.

Tools required: a pencil, an awl or push drill, and a screw driver. Best results are assured when Accordofold wax is used on insides of the track as a lubricant for the nylon glider.

Operating freely and silently, the Accordofold door folds to 16 per cent of its extended length. It is available in a large variety of sizes and colors. It is priced as much as 50 per cent less than standard doors.

To prevent mildew, don't bundle wet fabrics with dry ones in the laundry bag or hamper.

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