

Wall, Ceiling Paneling Used

Wall and ceiling decoration can have a hard, smooth finish without a high gloss. It has been demonstrated in the development of Marlite planks and blocks, a pre-finished hardboard paneling.

This recent introduction in a long-established paneling line presents a finish which has a soft luster, despite the fact that it is a baked plastic which withstands impact, wear and repeated washings without damage.

The soft-luster finish, in combination with other unusual decorative features, makes Marlite planks and blocks as suitable for living rooms and dens as for kitchens and utility rooms.

A series of 10 "companion colors" including pastels, has been formulated for the paneling, which is available also in a half dozen wood grain patterns. Tongue-and-groove edges eliminate moldings at joints, although matching moldings for border are available.

Wood Aids Home Design

Wood's flexibility manifests itself in home design from traditional Colonial to the earth-hugging contemporary structure, from formality to rusticity.

So says architect Richard Sundeleaf, A.I.A., whose striking residential designs are attractions throughout the northwest.

"Western red cedar boards, overlapped vertically with rough side exposed are texturally effective for informal siding, and cedar resists weather and takes stains beautifully," the prominent home designer states. He points out that cedar blends well with almost all natural sites.

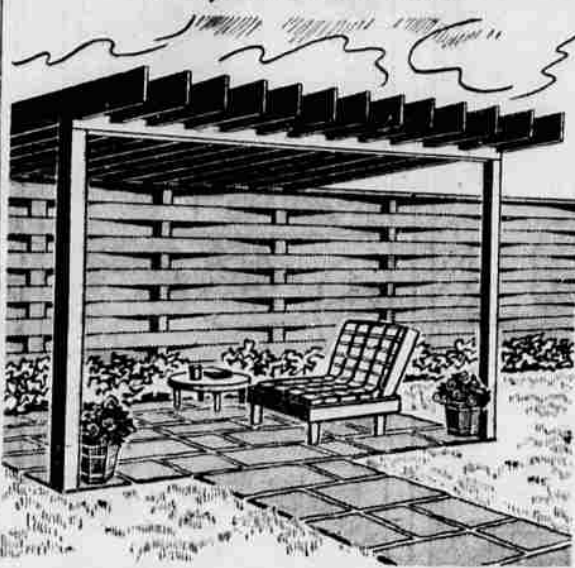
Sundeleaf lists other siding patterns which identify themselves with certain architectural styles. "Wide bevel siding," he says, "creates a ranch style impression, vertical siding emphasizes height, and drop and rustic siding add individual interest, and may be used singly or interestingly combined."

For cottage or castle with painted exterior, Sundeleaf chooses durable and versatile Douglas fir, and emphasizes that horizontal fir siding, painted white is ideal for classic lines of the colonial.

"Wood has limitless design possibilities," Sundeleaf continues. "It may be cut and shaped to suit individual preferences and it takes paint and stain beautifully. Its strength makes it ideal for framing, yet it lends itself as perfectly to the simplest, most delicate decorative trim."

Many do-it-yourself hobbyists are learning the hard way that it pays to shop around when buying supplies. For instance, most small home projects take short-length lumber. Bargains can be found at most lumber yards by digging around in the short length bins for Douglas fir 2x4s or boards.

Backyard Bonus Patio



HIGH ESTATE-TYPE FENCES, made of woven wood, are usually built for privacy, but can do double duty as screen and roof support for a smart little outdoor lounge area. Louvered roof of Douglas fir or western red cedar 2 x 8s may be any dimension the floor area demands. Inexpensive and weather-resistant, lower grades of these woods blend well with any landscaping, and furnish textural beauty and comfort for lazy day relaxing or entertaining. Two 4 x 4 posts of fir support the roof extension, and cedar furniture and shrub tubs carry out the wood theme.

Walls Finished With Wood Panel

Complete finishing of walls and ceilings in new rooms is accomplished in a single operation when Korelock hollow-core paneling, a recently developed Marlite product, is used.

This paneling is nailed directly to framing or furring, without any backing materials to be applied first. Each panel consists of two sheets of tempered hardboard bonded to an interlocking wood core. The surface sheet is decorated in plain color wood grain pattern and is protected by a baked plastic finish. The panels, two feet wide, are tongued and grooved.

Many people who are remodeling their older homes frequently turn to wood paneling to give new life and sparkle to once-drab rooms. For more formal rooms, clear, straight-grained boards of Douglas fir, western red cedar or west coast hemlock can be used. For family rooms, dens or kitchens, lumber can be selected which enhances the beauty of grain, texture and color.

Seeing double? Try sudsing off your television set.

POLISH STAINS

It's simple to remove shoe polish stains from socks. Just "treat" them with soap or detergent suds as soon as possible. First go over the polish spots with well-soaped fingers, then launder the socks as usual.

FLOWERS ON TV

When you have the urge to place an arrangement of fresh flowers or a growing plant on your television set, don't give in. The heat will make short work of them. Instead, try an arrangement of dried foliage or a Ming Tree. Either will stay beautiful indefinitely.

Cleanliness is the best weapon against infection.

Wood Grain Paneling Used

Shoppers stepping into some of the newest supermarkets are greeted by a different kind of beauty for food store interiors—walls covered with wood grain paneling.

Color Theme Advice Given

Carry your inside-the-home color theme right outdoors for a smart ensemble effect, says Grace Holm, home decorating authority.

If your house is sided with one of the many exciting patterns of natural wood, then such accessories as louvers and patio ceilings may be painted any color to harmonize or blend with the wood exterior. Interior color schemes may be carried to these outdoor accents, suggests Miss Holm, home decoration editor for the Portland Oregonian's Hostess House.

Miss Holm says that even the carport becomes a part-time patio if the overhang is painted a gay color and a few shrub tubs of natural cedar are placed at strategic points, giving the area a party atmosphere.

One of the reasons why natural wood is such a popular siding material is because it is so complementary to landscaping, the decorating authority asserts. Western red cedar is particularly appropriate, for its rich red-brown hue is in perfect accord with most building sites, and cedar has a natural weather resistance, making it ideal for all outdoor construction.

This wood grain paneling is 16-inch-square decorated hardboard blocks of Marlite, in a new version of the plastic-finished wall paneling usually seen in food stores in the form of large white sheets. Direction of the wood grain pattern is alternated from block to block to present a basket-weave effect.

Showing their fitness for heavy duty as well as beauty, the Marlite blocks are used for paneling work rooms in back as well as the shopping area out front.

In the new Barton's store, Hammond, Ind., plain color blocks of light aqua cover the walls of the produce packing room and the meat cutting room. Workers find the paneling attractive, restful on the eyes and easy to wipe free of food splatters.

The same kind of paneling also is used in homes with a similar display of versatility. It is installed in living rooms, dens, bedrooms and recreation rooms as well as kitchens, baths and utility rooms. In tongue-and-groove blocks and planks and in larger sheets, the paneling is sold by lumber dealers.

BASEMENTS

Home owners want basements in their new homes, the West Coast Lumbermen's Association reports on a recent survey of home style trends. People want their basements light and cheerful. Planning ahead to larger families, they want to leave basement unfinished now for storage, and finish rooms and play space later. Regular joist floor of Douglas fir framing lumber affords ideal main floor for home and is easy to build onto from the basement.

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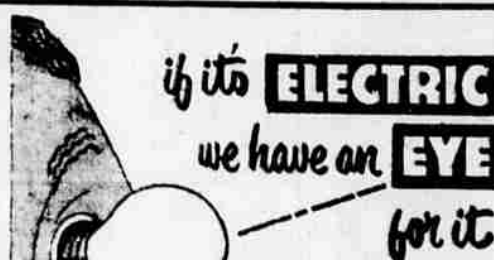
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