

# Color Use Brightens Bathrooms

Today's bathroom, with its many colored fixtures symbolizes the trend to comfortable, gracious living.

The bathroom is no longer the forgotten room it used to be when insufficient space and inadequate fixtures were handicaps to quick rooming. Small, cramped bathrooms usually could accommodate only one person at a time while the rest of the family waited their turn in line. Then, too, the fixtures as well as the bathroom were monotonously white.

The modern bath provides a sharp contrast to its older counterpart. Twin fixtures, separate compartments, regular and junior-sized equipment plus good lighting and ventilation have brought imagination and color into bathroom planning.

Setting the fashion pace are high-gloss, acid-resistant, enameled fixtures in colors ranging through blue, green, yellow, suntan, grey, red and ivory.

Interior decorating, also, is beautifying the bathroom. Floral arrangements, sun-patio extensions, wall-to-wall carpeting, washable, water-proof wallpaper, magazine racks and sunlamps are making the modern bathroom a showplace in the American home.

The bathroom has become such an important part of contemporary living that few families are satisfied with only a single facility. Surveys point out that many families, especially those with children, desire two and even three bathrooms.

The ideal situation, for the utmost comfort and convenience, is a bathroom for every bedroom points out the Plumbing Fixture Manufacturers Association. Well-planned, modern bathrooms with their long-lasting fixtures and adequate space will satisfy the needs of expanding families for many years.

# Marelite Panels Used In Cabinet

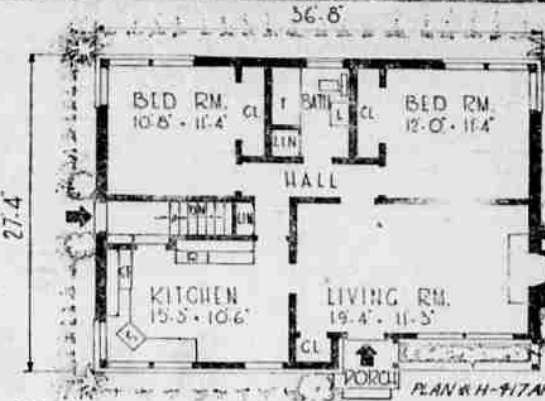
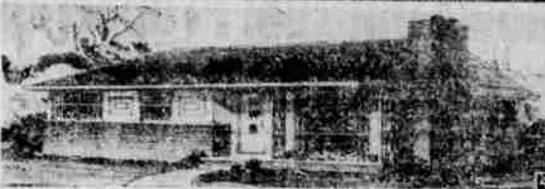
Articles stored on deep shelves of kitchen cabinets can be made more accessible by fashioning slide out trays from plastic-finished Marelite paneling, a decorated hardboard.

Cut the paneling to size so that it will cover the desired shelf area. Bore finger-hole at front center to facilitate pulling the panel out after it has been loaded with articles to be stored.

To prevent articles near the edges from tumbling off when the tray is moved, a rail may be glued from standard wood molding, fastened or nailed to the top surface and painted to harmonize with the panel.

The predecorated Marelite panel, in a plain color or a wood grain, will prove practical as well as ornamental. Its baked plastic finish resists soil and wear, and it is easily wiped clean.

# HOMES FOR AMERICANS



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**THE MINIMUM HOUSE**, a two-bedroom dwelling, continues to hold its popularity with small families and retired couples. Maximum economy of construction is the reason. This attractive plan, complete with fireplace and basement, gives the kitchen a main billing. With ample space for dining, it enjoys a front corner location. This is plan H-417-AP by the Homograf Co., 11711 East Eight Mile Rd., East Detroit, Mich. The house covers only 559 square feet.

# Bath Fixture Plan Urged

Advance planning and the proper selection of fixtures are important to a successful bathroom modernization or expansion program.

Before modernizing, the existing bathroom should be examined to decide whether more "elbow room" can be obtained by re-arranging the fixtures. Space-saving fixtures now on the market will add precious inches and avoid that cramped, crowded appearance so characteristic of old-fashioned bathrooms.

If you plan to add a bathroom, it is wise to look around the house for a good, convenient location. Many average-size homes offer space possibilities for a second or third bathroom. "A waste" area under the stairs, an unused closet, an unnecessary pantry, or even a portion of a large bedroom might well hold the key to extra facilities.

You should also consider the number of people who will be using the new bath. Careful selection of fixtures can reduce bathroom congestion and give lasting satisfaction to the entire family.

The Plumbing Fixture Manufacturers Association says that twin, countertop lavatories will permit mother and father to wash while a dental lavatory will keep the children busy brushing their teeth. Placing toilets and bathtubs within separate compartments will provide privacy for still more persons. Besides beautifying the bathroom,

these extra fixtures will enable speedier grooming during morning and evening rush hours.

The little extra time spent in advance planning of your bathroom will be well worthwhile.

# Junior Bath Plan Backed

Children will learn good habits in personal hygiene faster if they can use a junior-size bathroom with fixtures installed within their reach.

The Plumbing Fixture Manufacturers Association says that several styles of miniature toilets now are being made especially for children. Other bathroom fixtures can be adapted to accommodate children's height and arm-strength. Lavatories, for example, can be hung closer to the floor while smaller, space-saving bathtubs can be used for bathing.

Besides being an instruction aid, a bathroom just for the kids will keep the master bath clean and tidy instead of water-splashed from the child's inability to reach adult fixtures. Then, too, when there is a party for the small fry all the guests can use the "little" bathroom.

Years later, when the youngsters grow up, the junior bathroom can be converted easily into adult-size merely by replacing the water closet and remounting the lavatory.

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# Man Continues To Use Wood

Wood, in proper juxtaposition with other building materials, has captured the imagination of man through the ages, observes S. Robert Anshen of San Francisco, a leading member of the American Institute of Architects, and an authority on wood design.

The English, French and Italians, Anshen reports, used much wood during the Renaissance. The half-timbered structures of the middle ages in Europe—the original wooden temples of the Greeks—the wooden "plywood" sarcophagi of the Egyptians—lead us back through history.

The Chinese, Japanese and Indian cultures, the architect points out, are well known for their extremely knowing, civilized uses of wood.

It is the constant purpose of the American architect today, Anshen continues, to capture the human, warm, tactile quality which wood alone possesses in design of domestic, commercial and industrial structures where appropriate.

One of the most important skills of architecture, he observes, is to so interrelate textures and qualities

of material as to create a warm and human result. Out in the far west where the contemporary styling of the new version American home had its first great impetus just a dozen years ago, architects were fortunate in being able to draw on many native western woods, which are also available nationwide.

The texture, natural quality, grain and unduplicated colors of such widely used woods as Douglas wood and western red cedar have long been used effectively both for interior and exterior design of these wonderfully livable, informal contemporary homes. Wood products are some of the great tools to this end, Anshen concludes.

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