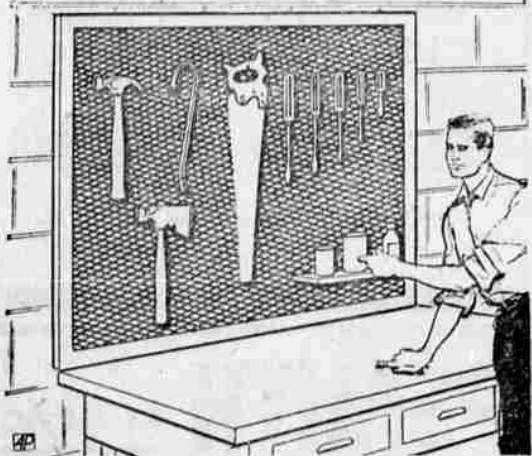




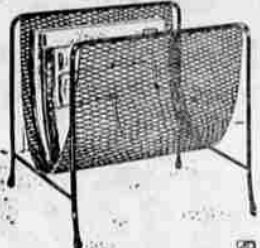
SOMETHING TO SHOOT AT in your modernization dreams is offered by many modern houses, such as this Fort Worth home of Robert Windfohr, Texas ranch owner. This is a view from the swimming pool looking into the living room and pavilion—a 60 by 100 foot room divided by seven dark teakwood tables. The house, designed by Melanie Kahane, noted decorator, and built from plans by Thomas Church, architect, is engineered for carefree living and easy maintenance. A legless grand piano is cantilevered to float out of a brick wall.



WORKBENCH tool rack is easy to fashion out of metal lath.

Metal Lath Opens Way For Handyman Projects

Metal lath, the same diamond mesh type that is used as a plaster base in fire-safe construction, lends itself to many handy uses around the house.



A MAGAZINE RACK made out of diamond mesh metal lath bound to wrought iron legs.

One sheet of this material, available at building supply stores, can serve for several projects. Easy to cut with tinners' snips it can be shaped by hand to serve as a smart magazine rack, or framed for a versatile and neat tool rack above the work bench. One full sheet can be framed for a room divider, or cut to form smart panels in the doors of an open cabinet. By sandwiching metal lath between a double frame for a tool rack, the lath is held far enough from the wall to permit the insertion of wire hooks to hold the tools. Diamond mesh lath is made of copper-bearing alloy steel expending and can be obtained in either galvanized or black paint finish—both of which can be painted further to suit your color preferences.

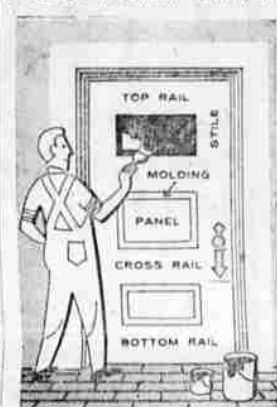
Here's How To Paint Paneled Front Door

One job your front door has is to provide a warm welcome. It is a decorative focal point and should be inviting. A good paint job will help to keep it that way.

Painting a paneled door is easy if you follow the procedure of the professional. First comes preparation. Sand the surface smooth and dust off all loose particles. If the door has never been painted, apply an undercoat. If it has been painted, only the bare spots will need such priming.

Using a 2½ or 3-inch brush, start painting the molded edges of the top panel. First paint the top edge, then the side and bottom edges. Paint from the corners, drawing the brush toward the center. Brush out excess paint. Drip marks can be unsightly.

After the molded edges of the top panel are covered, paint the panel itself. If the panel has both a raised and sunken section, the



New Package Program Simplifies Remodeling

A "package" home remodeling program is now being promoted by plumbing and heating contractors to simplify modernization projects and make it easier to pay for them in one complete installment plan.

Because a large percentage of home modernization costs are for plumbing and heating, the National Assn. of Plumbing Contractors with 12,000 members is organizing a system to include the services of carpenters, electricians, glaziers, painters and all the other trades involved in increasing the value, comfort and convenience of older houses.

The general objective is to arrange all financing for materials and labor on the installment plan, to give the householder a guide in solving his individual modernization problem and to guarantee the complete job.

Most home modernization projects can be classified under two major needs:

1. Replacement of worn out equipment with new or better units.
2. Expanding existing facilities to meet the needs of the family more effectively.

Replacing old units of equipment is comparatively simple. Meeting the needs of a growing or changing family requires much more planning.

A sunken section should be painted first. Use this routine for each panel, from the top down. After the panels are finished, do the crossrail at the top of the door. Next paint the stiles down to the next crossrail, and so on down to the bottom.

Panel doors are generally made of fine pine which has a particularly good bond for paint. They are now also chemically treated, which for all practical purposes eliminates sticking and warping. If paint is applied evenly, on a dry, clean surface, it will not bubble or crack.

Don't use a fast-drying paint on a large surface, such as a door. If the paint sets too fast, it's almost impossible to avoid unattractive overlapping. If the door has been stained, put on a prime coat of aluminum paint to seal the stain. Otherwise, the stain may bleed through the paint.

Six Ways To Pay For Modernization

If you want to modernize your bathroom or kitchen and don't want to part with the price in one lump sum, there are six ways you can pay the bill in easy payments, says the Plumbing & Heating Industries Bureau.

- (1) Your bank will make a low interest loan on proper security.
- (2) Your dealer may be able to arrange time payments.
- (3) Your mortgage may be refinanced.
- (4) An open-end mortgage may be extended without increasing monthly payments.
- (5) Open-end mortgages often allow for small increases in installments.
- (6) The FHA will insure a loan for home improvement.

The reason the plumbing contractors are concerned is that the kitchen and bathroom of a house bear the greatest burden of traffic and become the focal points of most modernization.

Most kitchens are so poorly arranged that the housewife is faced with constant annoyances. Arrangements of cabinets and appliances should permit a smooth work flow. The three basic service areas—refrigerator, sink and range—have been found to be best located in a triangle, roughly equidistant and away from any main artery of house traffic.

Kitchen studies have shown that a refrigerator should be nearest to a rear or side service entrance to a house. This saves needless steps after shopping for food.

Importance of Counters. Counter space running from the refrigerator to the sink should be opposite the hinge side of the refrigerator. You can get refrigerators with doors opening either from the right or left.

At the sink, about 18 inches of counter space on each side, in addition to the drainboard, is considered a minimum.

The last preparation center, the range area, has been found to be the most convenient when located near the entrance to the dining area. The range should be flanked by 15 to 24 inches of counter space. Storage space should be provided in each of the service areas—storage for cooking utensils near the range, for soaps and washing materials near the sink, for mixing bowls and beaters near the refrigerator.

Bathrooms Date a House

The need for more bathroom facilities has developed into one of the main features of modern homes. The number of bathrooms often dates a house as to the generation in which it was planned. More than one bathroom is now generally recognized as standard for a house with three bedrooms. More than two bathrooms are considered necessary for a four-bedroom house.

The so-called half-bath is often a solution. This can be a powder room or other lavatory, comprising merely wash stand and toilet. In planning the location of an extra lavatory, a point near kitchen and

backdoor is usually advantageous. This proves to be convenient for children running in from play and saves trips through the house.

Some Other Short Cuts. Compartmented bathrooms and double lavatories in bathrooms also provide needed facilities in morning rush hours when children are preparing for school and adults are preparing for work.

Vanities in bedrooms, equipped with wash basin and running hot and cold water also extend facilities. Economy minded modernization experts contend that package remodeling can be less expensive than piecemeal remodeling. Across-the-board repairs and installation avoid expensive duplication of costs which are involved in ripping up floors, plastering and painting of walls and ceilings.

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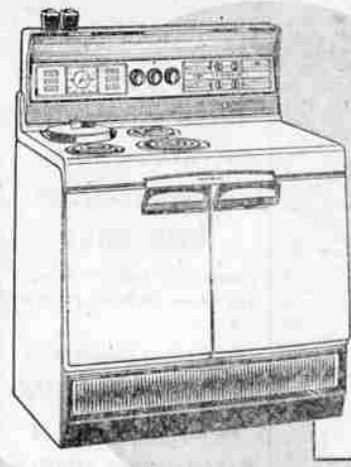
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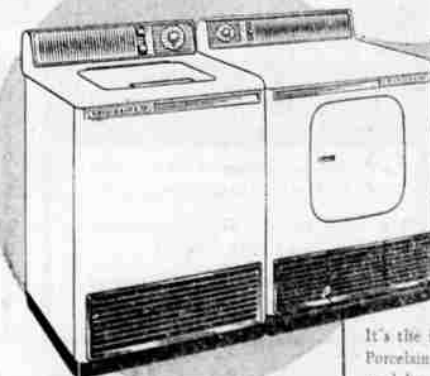


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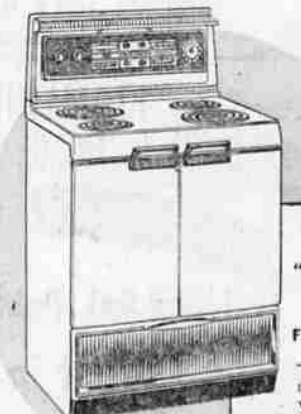


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