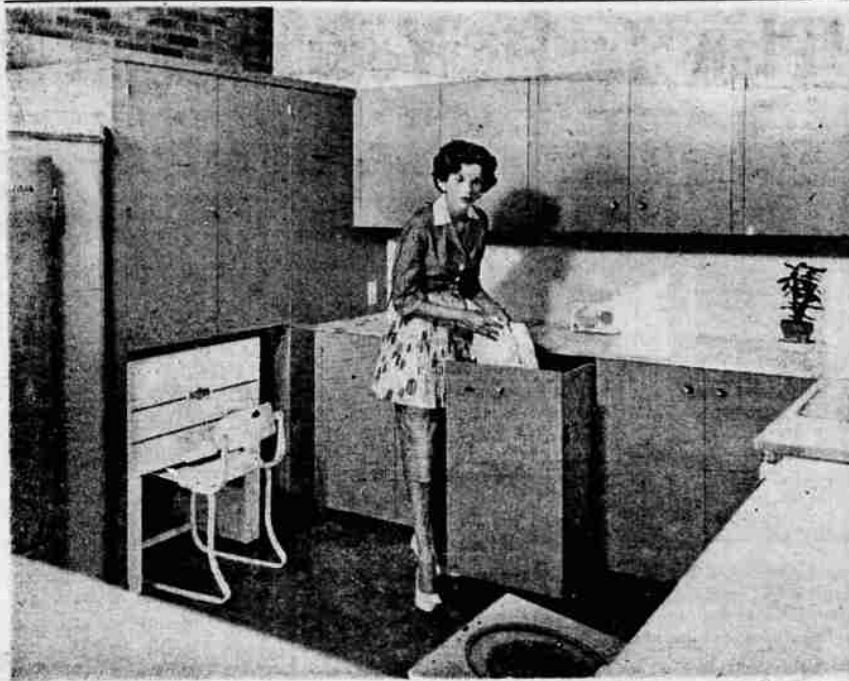




**WORK LESSENNED BY CHEERFUL ATMOSPHERE**—Just as top downtown executives have offices designed to create a pleasant atmosphere for work, so should the top executive of the home be blessed with cheerful work areas. This neat, sparkling utility room was designed specifically for the job. Area is kept uncluttered by a host of built-in cabinets, worked in malleable, tough Douglas fir and painted carnation to please a lady's taste. Slide-out clothes hamper and wide counter tops are two features sure to rate approval.

## Family Laundry Room Is Designed For Easy Work

Doing the family laundry has sometimes been labeled one of the most odious jobs of homemaking, but the reasons given often indicate that it's not so much the job that's disliked as much as the difficulty in doing it efficiently.

In spite of miracle fabrics and automatic equipment, laundry chores are time consuming. And, as the ladies complain, much of the time seems to dwindle away in chasing back and forth between ironing board, washing machine, and the upstairs closets.

The obvious way to cut down on the leg work and, hence, the wasted time of laundry operations is to coordinate all activities within a specific area. Then, too, a well equipped, beautifully designed laundry room can be a real moral booster, for pleasant surroundings often produce as much in the way of efficiency as automatic equipment.

In addition to the washer, dryer, mangle, and ironing board, equipped with a host of built-in cabinets for storage of soaps, bleaches, and other tools of the trade. One cupboard should be set aside for the mending basket so lost buttons can be replaced before clothing is returned to the closet. Another cupboard can be a clothes hamper which slides out

on a track; and a closet in which to hang freshly ironed garments before transporting them back to the bedroom is a must.

The built-ins can be tailored easily with Douglas fir lumber to fit available wall areas in the laundry room, and if door fronts are of edge-glued pieces of fir, their appearance will be sleek and neat. Many homemakers, following the widening use of natural woods, prefer to have their laundry room built-ins finished naturally. A sealer coat goes on first to bring out the true, tawny gold of the fir—and is followed by several coats of clear plastic lacquer to protect the cabinets from splashing and steam. If gay, feminine color is wanted, Douglas fir takes paint and enamel finishes well.

Don't forget to provide for either table or counter top space so flat work can be folded immediately. If space is at a premium, one of the cabinet doors can be designed with hinges at the bottom and a catch at the top so that it tips down to form a table.

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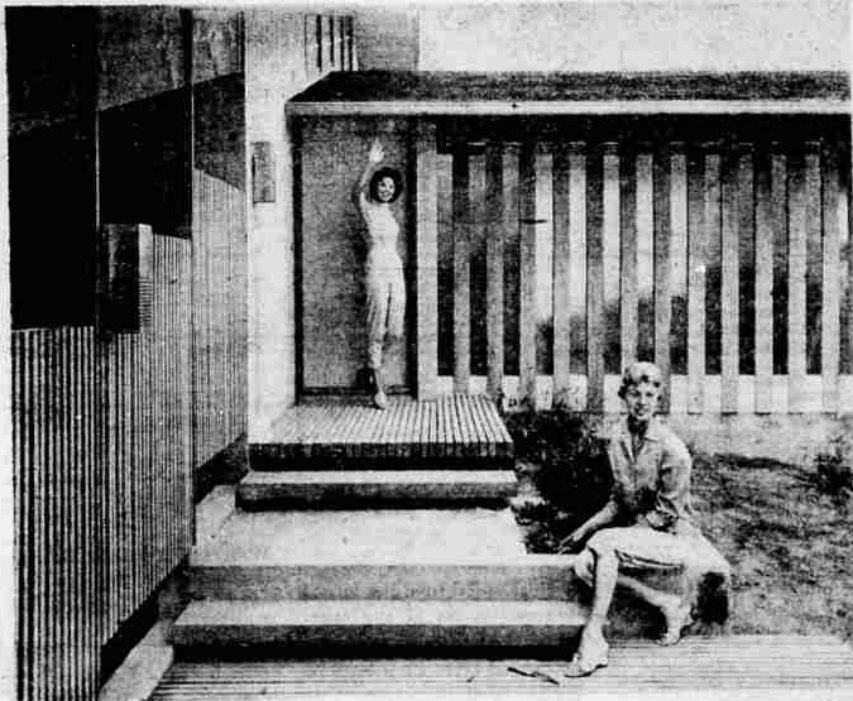
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**EYE-CATCHING ENTRANCE** — There are more ways than one to make a visitor feel welcome, and a friendly entrance is a good starter. Here the architect has cleverly designed a front walk which draws you to the door. Rather than prosaic concrete steps, steps of 4x8 Douglas fir timbers have been alternated with concrete and miniature decks of fir 2x4s set on edge. Step-down screen at left of 1x1 slats hides carport from view. Pattern of alternating fir mullions and translucent glass screening inner entryway and gaily painted front door provide bonus eye-interest.

## Modern Home Entrance Can Be Attractive, Useful

Historians of future generations will probably judge the mid-twentieth century as being a great period of American architectural renaissance.

Everywhere, homes springing up under the direction of the nation's talented architects give evidence of this renaissance in their open, friendly mode of design, for the symbol of the renaissance is warm hospitality.

Nowhere is the stamp of congeniality more evident than at the entrance to today's home. Here, architects and homeowners have attempted to build in a handshake which reaches right out to even the casual passer-by.

The warmth of today's exterior entrance comes partially from its chaste simplicity of design, and partially from its use of familiar

materials like wood. Although exterior siding of such woods as Douglas fir and western red cedar have long been favorites of American homes, they have undergone a change of style in the contemporary abode. Whereas paint was used profusely in earlier years, now stains duplicating the natural colorings of these fine woods and weathered siding are the favorites.

For the open look of friendliness, wood and glass are often combined at the entrance, but to preserve privacy, the glass is usually opaque. One popular style calls for walls adjacent to the front door to be made of one-foot panels of opaque glass set in foot-wide mullions of Douglas fir, and panels are installed vertical-

Leading the eye up to the entrance is another device used by architects to give emphasis to the welcoming theme of the modern entrance. This is done by creating a front walk of eye-catching design and materials. For instance, a series of miniature wood decks can replace prosaic concrete.

The decks are constructed of Douglas fir 2x4s laid with the 2-inch side up and boards are spaced a quarter inch apart for rain water drainage. Decks should be mounted on concrete feet to keep them free of the ground, and extra eye interest can be had by varying their dimensions from wide at the street to narrow at the door.

For the hillside home, an intriguing walk can be made up of alternating wood decks and concrete plateaus, with sturdy planks of 4x12 inch Douglas fir acting as steps connecting each level.