

ON THE HOUSE



These modern tables will dress up your patio and make themselves highly useful at the same time. They are one of the simplest do-it-yourself projects, since all you need to do is to attach legs to exterior-type fir plywood panels.

Do-It-Yourself Duffers Can Build Patio Tables

Here's a one-evening do-it-yourself project that any duffer can handle and it will do wonders in brightening up your patio or terrace. It's a set of four sectional patio tables you can cut from just one standard 4x8-foot panel of fir plywood.

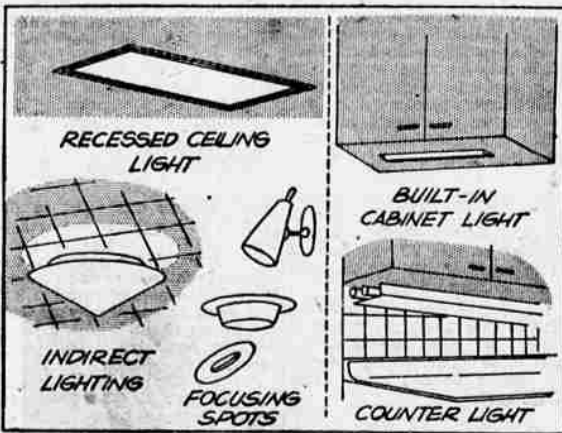
These tables are colorful and versatile enough so that you can use them indoors or out. Designed primarily as low-cost, easily built table surfaces for outdoor living areas, they can also be used as casual indoor furniture in a child's room or den.

All you have to do to make them is cut the parts, mount blocks on the underside and screw in the hairpin legs which you can buy at almost any hardware store or retail lumber yard.

The plywood surfaces can be painted just like any wood. If you

are something of a perfectionist, it would make good sense to buy plywood with a specially prepared painting surface. This kind of panel is called overlaid fir plywood. It has a plastic-like resin-soaked fiber surface on the panel face that provides an ideal base for paint, eliminating the occasional difficulties like grain show-through one sometimes gets in applying paint directly to a wood surface.

Either way, just make sure you get plywood with waterproof glue. When the job's done you'll have a colorful set of accent spots for the patio that can fit into corners or that you can scatter nicely around the area. A free plan folder showing you just how to cut out and assemble the tables is available. Write Douglas Fir Plywood Association, Tacoma 2, Washington.



Kitchens Need Right Light

If you're chief cook, baker and bottle washer and you're reading this, it is a good bet that you're in your kitchen most of the time. Look around. Can the lighting arrangement in the kitchen be improved by modernizing?

As in most homes the illumination in your kitchen can use overhauling, unless you happen to be the happy owner of a recently built or modernized Medallion Home where the electrical excellence is as inviting as the welcome on the front door mat. For in these homes, "light for living" is one of the three main premises on which the electrical standards are based.

So, if your kitchen does need better lighting and wiring as do almost four out of five homes in America today, here are a few ideas to consider:

First of all, to insure safety and top performance, call in a qualified electrical contractor to survey the wiring and to suggest a check ideas about lighting arrangements.

Here are some suggestions for

types and placement of fixtures for general, overall kitchen lighting:

"Ceiling panels": Instead of the old-fashioned globe fixture, this semi-recessed type of illumination is widely used in modern kitchens, especially in dropped ceilings. Using fluorescent tubes, there can be square, oblong or narrow panels flush or a bit below the ceiling.

"Focusing spots": Either recessed in the ceiling or as swivel wall fixtures, the spots create useful work light in the kitchen.

To balance the general room illumination, direct lighting over counter, and work centers also is to be planned for.

"Built-in cabinet light": Some steel wall cabinets have accommodations for small fluorescent tubes built into the bottoms. This neat design puts direct light on the counter below it.

"Counter light": Directly on the wall below upper cabinets, shielded fluorescent tubes can be installed to provide light over work counter.

There is a growing awareness among prospective home owners of the necessity of a place for the home workshop.

Of the millions of home workshops in existence, few were planned that way. Most of the time, a workshop—whether it be in the basement, the attic, a garage or a spare room—is a gradual thing. You buy a hammer and a screwdriver and a pair of pliers and a few other essential hand tools for minor repair work around the house. Then, some time later, you decide you want a portable electric drill and some of its accessories. Before you know it, you find yourself with a workshop of sorts.

After your workshop has grown, you wish you had done a little planning ahead of time. You discover you have tools which you seldom, if ever, use . . . and you learn, one way or another, that there are some tools you need but do not have. You discover that things are getting a bit crowded because you failed to allow room for expansion. You are forced to string an extension cord in some awkward arrangement because there is no handy outlet. And you run into other little annoyances which do not exactly prevent you from fixing and making things, but which do make your job more difficult.

A lot of this can be avoided with a little planning at the start. When you select a place to work, pick one that will allow for expansion—even if, at the time, you do not think you will get that serious about doing things yourself. Consider such matters as light, ventilation, heat, the availability of electrical outlets and space for wood and other materials you may be using.

Buy or make a workbench that will be serviceable over the years, not one that is a makeshift affair that you'll never get around to changing. Give some thought to the kind and quality of the tools you buy. Decide that each new purchase will become part of a workshop that will last many years. In that way, you will not make the common mistake of buying the cheapest tools available—and being forced to replace them when you become a more serious craftsman.

Keep in mind the noise factor

Ease Found For Hornfly

An Oregon State College research team has come up with an inexpensive, highly effective way to use rotenone for controlling horn flies in dairy cattle.

R. L. Goulding, assistant professor of entomology, and L. T. Hargett, graduate student, prepared backrubbers containing rotenone dust. They made them by draping a chain wrapped with three burlap bags across a cattle walk. Each bag contained one pound of five per cent rotenone dust.

In testing backrubbers on farms in the Willamette Valley last year, they found rotenone dust gives good control for five or six weeks and leaves no toxic residue in milk.

Goulding stressed the importance of locating backrubbers where cattle have to use them. In the OSC tests they were placed in the doorway of the milking parlor so each animal would get a small amount of dust twice daily.

Untreated herds averaged 100 or more flies per cow throughout the season, compared to 10 or fewer flies per cow in treated herds.

ANGEL CAKE

NEW YORK (UPI) — A party dessert to delight children or grown-ups is whipped cream angel cake. Scoop out 10-inch cake, leaving a wall about 1/2-inch thick. Dice scooped-out cake, mix with 1 cup heavy cream, whipped, and 1/4 cup drained chopped maraschino cherries. Fill cake shell with cherry-cream mixture.

when selecting a place for the workshop. If you are the type of person who sometimes will be working in the shop late at night, you want to be sure you will not disturb members of your household who retire early. There are certain steps you can take later on to prevent some of the noise from leaving the workshop, but generally speaking, the best safeguard is the proper location for the shop in the first place.

You're bound to get into the power tool field sooner or later, since you'll want to do your work faster and without so much effort. It's almost inevitable that you'll buy a portable electric drill. But from that point on use care in the selection of power tools, unless you have so much money you don't care how you spend it.

You should select each tool on the basis of the type of work you expect to do most of the time. A lathe is useless if you aren't going to do much wood-turning. A circular saw is fine for straight-cutting and bevel jobs. A hand-

saw and jigsaw handle curves, the former doing its best work in the heavy-duty line, the latter in the intricate-design category. Or you may want to consider one of the combination power tools, especially where space is at a premium. The important thing is to choose a machine that will perform the kind of work you want it to perform . . . not the kind your neighbor has.

We're certain that most persons will continue to let their workshops grow without direction, figuring they will meet their needs as the occasion demands. But in the long run, those persons will spend more money to equip their shops than the planner . . . and with less satisfactory results.

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