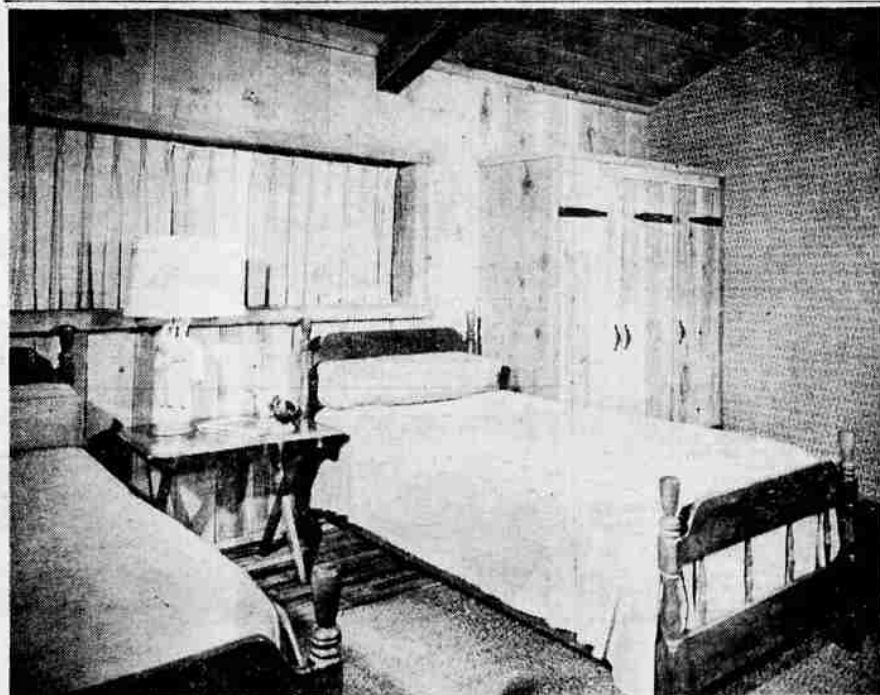




WOOD WALLS FOR PERFORMANCE — In a home of any architectural style, wood wall paneling makes a perfect, long-wearing backdrop for furnishings. Shown here is west coast hemlock, cut with a patterned joint. It has been painted white to compliment delicate antique appointments. Permanence and natural beauties of wood walls, whether painted or finished clear, add prestige and resale values to a home.



WOOD MAKES FOR WARMTH — This attractive bedroom owes its warmth to the use of rough-sawn wood. The walls are made of inland red cedar and the plank and beam ceiling of Douglas fir. Western pine region lumber was used for the trim rather than mouldings and this contributes to the comfortable informal feeling. Note particularly the beam stock used to frame the window.

Lumber Gives Warmth In Bedroom's Renovation

A bedroom should be a warm, inviting room and one of the best ways to inject this feeling is with an abundant use of lumber paneling. This may be left in a natural shade with a clear finish, colored with one of the increasingly popular pigmented finishes, or painted, though this last alternative naturally hides much of the beauty and charm of wood.

If you plan to use a clear or pigmented finish give thought to whether you want a wood with small tight knots, such as found in lodgepole pine or Idaho white pine, or the larger, distinctive knot formations found, say, in ponderosa pine. If you want no knots you should select a clear grade in the wood of your choice.

Many people like their paneling topped with a clear finish and, if you prefer this, you naturally will want to give attention to the color of the wood as well as the knot pattern. Very light woods include

Engelmann spruce and Idaho white pine. If you are after the dark reddish tones that so many people like, you might select incense cedar or inland red cedar. The former is particularly nice if you are planning built-ins for the bedroom, because this species will impart a pleasant fragrance to your closets and drawers if you leave the wood unfinished. Other western pine species suitable for paneling and built-ins are sugar pine, larch, white fir and Douglas fir.

Wood can be used in many ways in a bedroom. In the form of lumber paneling it is excellent for the walls and ceiling. Your wall paneling may give total coverage or, particularly in a small room, you might use it as wainscoting with a patterned paper above. A flat, paneled ceiling might match your walls or you might change the mood by putting up a plank and beam ceiling in the same wood

or a similar species.

Lumber really can do a beautiful job for you when it comes to built-ins for the bedroom. It is ideal for closets, wardrobes, dressers, cupboards, cabinets, and shelves. If you are handy you can build these yourself or you can have a professional do the work. In either case, you will end up with custom-planned storage which is both handsome and practical since it creates a coordinated atmosphere and makes the most of your space.

When you use lumber and lumber paneling you can do so in any number of styles. Your bedroom may be as formal or informal as you wish. It depends upon the way you design the room and handle your wood. A clear grade of lumber will tend to give a sleek sophisticated look, while knots help give a rustic or country feeling. The finish you choose will have a major effect on your room, too. A natural wood stain will give a traditional air and a pigmented finish a modern touch but, no matter how you use your lumber or what finish you pick, the room will have an inviting homey feeling because you have used wood.

Good Taste Exemplified In Modern Wood Panels

For generations, householders have chosen wood wall paneling as a backdrop for their rooms' furnishings. Like sterling silver on the dinner table, wood on the walls is considered by many as the mark of supreme good taste.

Today's homeowner prizes wood walls for a number of reasons. For one, they guarantee permanence—no worrying about future sessions with the paperhanger or paint bucket. For another, wood finished naturally, as most paneling is these days, produces a neutral background which compliments any color scheme or furniture style. If a lady's taste in decor changes, she can replace furniture without the added expense of redoing walls. This adds a premium to resale value of the home, as well, for prospective buyers are certainly more attracted to homes in which they have a minimum of redecorating to do.

Paneling comes in many styles and species. The leading favorite is tongue-and-groove paneling of one of the creamy beige softwoods like west coast hemlock. The tongue-and-groove panel boards fit together with nary a joint showing, creating a sleek, satiny foil for furnishings.

Sometimes paneling is used to create a special effect or to emphasize a certain type of decor. For instance, paneling of wide boards cut with a definite joint pattern are very much in keeping with decidedly Colonial or period

furniture. Again, naturally finished wood is usually preferred, especially if it's delicately grained hemlock, but in some cases, painted paneling fits the bill. If the room features antique gold in any quantity, especially in mirrors or in pieces which stand very close to the walls, flat white paint or glazed color might set them off better than would natural wood tones. And of course, painted wood was much in style during Colonial times.

Very contemporary decor, on the other hand, can be accentuated with paneling which literally has been lifted off the abode's exterior. Making quite a splash in the field of decorating is the idea of using rough-sawn western red cedar siding. Tongued-and-grooved for snug, jointless fit, the unsurfaced cedar panel boards introduce a world of delightful texture. Usually they are finished with clear rez or with rez which is lightly tinted to bring out even more vividly the cedar's rich autumn coloring.

Special treatments might be accorded accent walls. A wall of white pocket Douglas fir, finished either clear or with metallic paint brushed into its open pores, gives an exotic effect.

There is paneling to suit every taste; its choice should receive careful consideration.

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