

Today's Fences Versatile Due To Good Preservative

If you have an unpleasing yard situation there are some rabbits you can pull out of hats. These rabbits come in the form of fences which can do a great deal to hide, integrate or decorate front and back yards, patios, entranceways and "lost" areas such

as that neglected corner down by the garage. There are two major reasons why fences are attracting more attention today than they have for years. First of all, the Western Pine Association points out that excellent pentachlorophenol-type preservatives, available at most lumber or hardware stores, are making the use of ordinary lumber possible. When properly treated for contact with the ground your fence posts will not decay. Thus you can use good, economical softwoods such as those that grow in the Western pine region.



VERSATILE FENCE OF LUMBER — This handsome fence, built of western pine region lumber in an open herringbone pattern, shows how dramatic and inviting a yard can become when the homeowner uses imagination in designing a fence of lumber. A feeling of privacy is created without a shut-in atmosphere.

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Beyond this, there has been a great development in fence designs that call for familiar cuts of lumber. You still see many handsome picket fences, split rail designs and other traditional fence treatments, but you also are seeing more and more original patterns such as open herring-

bone designs, front and back fences (so named because the vertical boards are mounted alternately on the front and back of the frame), fences of blocks cut from regular two-by-fours, and many geometric designs executed with the same two-by-fours.

The function of your fence should determine its design in part. If you want to shut out noise or an ugly view a board and batten fence (the battens are narrow strips that cover the spaces between the boards in a vertical board fence) or the similar board on board or board and gap are ideal. You might build a fence of this type from rough-sawn planks of inland red cedar or incense cedar, both of which have an attractive reddish tone. You also might use the Western pines—ponderosa, lodgepole, sugar or Idaho white pine—or Engelmann spruce, larch white fir or Douglas fir.

If your problem is wind, then a front and back fence is a good

choice. It will eliminate gales but still let some air through. The same applies to a fence made of stationary louvers so set as to deflect strong gusts. Other fences serve as screens to hide an unattractive garage, shut off the children's play area,

ment the fence's shielding role with good planting.

Your lumber dealer can give you sound advice on how to build a sturdy and attractive fence, but there are a few pointers

you can start with. Be sure that a third of all your uprights are beneath ground level and resting on a bed of gravel for good drainage. See to it that these same post ends have been thoroughly soaked with preservative to four inches above ground

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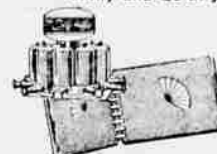


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