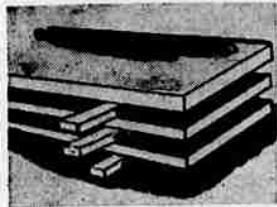


Time, Material Saving Tips Help In Installation Of Wall Paneling

Whether you are a do-it-yourself genius or the type of person who would rather call in professional help, there are a few pointers on preparing paneling and installing it that any home-owner would be wise to follow.

First of all, have the lumber delivered a week or ten days early, and store it in the room where it is to be used. This will allow it to adjust to the climatic conditions of the room before it is nailed into place, assuring a long-lasting fit.

The Western Pine Association recommends that the paneling be stacked horizontally with separating sticks between the boards. This is called "stickering," and it allows the air to circulate freely between the boards. Naturally,



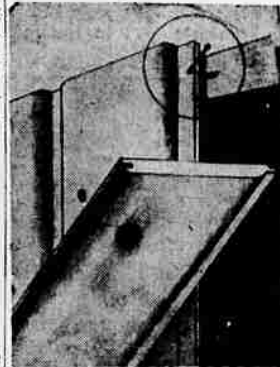
"STICKERING": Sticks should be placed between boards for a week or ten days prior to paneling installation so that the wood may adjust to room conditions. This helps to insure a lasting good fit. FNS

the lumber also should be protected from dirt, fingerprints and scuffing, because these marks are hard to erase.

Sanding comes after the lumber has been cut to size, and the care in doing a good job cannot be over-emphasized. Many people will accept automatically careful sanding down of a rare or expensive wood, but when they buy an economical species — and any of the 11 woods from the

western pine region are excellent for paneling — they may be inclined to rush into the finishing process without giving their lumber a really good sanding. This is a mistake, because these fine and easy-to-work woods finish magnificently when care is taken.

Care in applying the finish is equally important. Stain or a brush-on, wipe-off pigmented finish should be applied before the paneling is installed so that no raw wood will look out from hard-to-reach corners once the paneling is in place. The Western Pine Association points out that



BLIND NAILING: So-called "blind nailing" is particularly important at eye level. The nails are driven into the tongue of each panel at an angle. Then, the groove of the next panel covers the nail and creates a smooth surface. FNS

stain is easiest to apply when the paneling is laid out horizontally at a convenient working level. If a clear finish is being used it should be put on after installation, because such a gloss finish could be marred during installation.

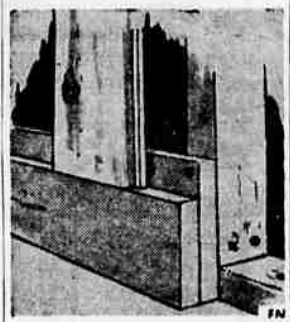
For vertical paneling, nailing strips must be put up horizontally to hold the paneling. These are called "furring strips" and besides one at the top and another halfway down the wall (usually 1 by 2, 1 by 3, or 1 by 4 inch

stock) an extra wide strip, say 1 by 8, should be used at the bottom.

This last strip must be wider than the baseboard so that when the baseboard is put into place there still will be enough surface above it to which to nail the bottom end of the paneling. When paneling is used horizontally, it is nailed directly to the 2 by 4 studs.

Blind nailing is another touch that helps achieve a professional look. Wherever possible, and particularly at eye level, nails should be driven into the tongue of each panel so that they will be covered by the groove of the panel installed after it.

This will give a virtually nail-free look to the wall. The only nails that might be exposed would be those in the corners, and these can be countersunk and the holes filled. Yellow beeswax often is used or a tinted, non-shrinking crack filler is satisfactory. If putty is chosen, the holes should first be dabbed with some wood sealer. Then putty mixed with some of the stain can be used to fill the hole. The sealer will prevent the putty oils from leaving an oily ring around the hole. Mouldings will do much to give



BASEBOARD FURRING: Lumber paneling should be installed flush with the baseboard. The bottom furring strip therefore should be wider than the baseboard by several inches and paneling nailed to it.

any room a finished look once the paneling has been installed. Professionals employ them as much as do-it-yourselfers, and the home-owner should not hesitate to use them. They cover discrepancies and carpentry and add solidity and form — especially in the case of built-ins which can look "boxy" and home-made without mouldings.

Many mouldings are made of western pine region lumber, and these can be matched to the paneling. People will find that western pine mouldings are carefully manufactured in uniform patterns and are well dried.

Home-owners who, as a final step, want a long-lasting and easy-to-care-for surface on natural wood, may do the following: apply a coat of lacquer and sand this, when it has dried, with 6-0 paper. A minimum of two coats of clear varnish, lacquer, or shellac should go over this, the paneling being sanded between coats and rubbed down after the final coat with 3-0 steel wool. A good paste wax then may be applied.



CORNERS: Adjacent paneling boards on an "outside" corner should be beveled so that their outer edges form a right angle. With "inside" corners it is necessary only to cut the pattern from a panel and to butt it against the last panel on the adjacent wall. FNS

Stamps In The News

Two simultaneous issues by Israel honor Henrietta Szold, founder of the women's Zionist Organization, Hadassah, and the 25th Zionist Congress.

The Szold stamp, which portrays the first president of Hadassah, also shows the Hadassah Medical Center in the background. This stamp will be issued on Dec. 14 — the centenary of her birth.

Born in Baltimore, Miss Szold left the United States in 1920 to take up residence in Israel and remained there until her death in 1945.

Israel's 50 agorot stamp honoring the 25th Zionist Congress



depicts the emblems of the first Zionist Congress which took place in Basle, Switzerland, in 1897 and the forthcoming Congress in Jerusalem.

Last week this column discussed the issuance of the 4-cent U.S. Echo 1 "Communications for Peace" stamp which will be placed on first day sale Dec. 15 in Washington, D.C.

The design will feature the balloon-like communications satellite in orbit with a part of the earth in the lower left portion. Radio waves to and from Echo 1 are denoted by arced lines. A single star is shown in the upper central portion. The design was based on a drawing by Ervino Metz of New York.

As stated last week, collectors desiring first day cancellations of the 4-cent Echo 1 stamp should send self-addressed envelopes, together with remittance to cover the cost of the stamps to be affixed, to the Postmaster, Washington 13, D.C. The outside envelope should be clearly marked

"First Day Covers 4-Cent Echo 1."

The stamp collection of the late Milton A. Holmes of New Jersey, reputed to be one of the finest United States collections in existence, was sold at auction recently for an amount in excess of \$71,000. Top price at the auction was \$6,000 for an unused example of the 1869 30-cent with the flags inverted. It is catalogued at \$8,000.

The United Nations Postal Administration has made available to collectors a souvenir folder to which is attached all the stamps issued by the United Nations in 1960. The folder is multi-colored, the front illustration showing the U.N. buildings and the back cover bearing a photograph of the ornamental stairway on the U.N. Plaza. The folders are on sale for 95 cents each. Mail orders should be addressed to the U.N. Postal Administration, United Nations, N.Y.

Tribes Induct Mrs. Roosevelt

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP)—Eleanor Roosevelt has been adopted by the Seminole, Navajo, Crow, Cree, Apache and Mohawk tribes.

Wearing a feathered headdress, the widow of the late president, Franklin D. Roosevelt, was presented with a buckskin scroll and beaded friendship necklace by Cree Chief Wah-Nee-Ota of Muskogee, Okla., Wednesday.

Afterward she went to Palm Springs, Calif., to speak on behalf of the Jewish Community Center there.

PLATES IN RED, TOO

SUNDANCE, Wyo. (AP) — Wyoming's 1961 license plates will have a red background with white letters and numerals. This prompted the following headline in the weekly Sundance Times: "New 1961 Plates in the Red Like Everything Else."

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