

## Wood Windows Most Popular

The windows in expansion space—their size, placement, and construction—affect the physical and mental well-being of the family. There are two basic rules to keep in mind:

- 1) Select windows (and doors) in keeping with the rest of the house. This will help to unify the new and old parts of the house.
- 2) The trend in windows today is for the use of larger areas of

glass for light, air, and view. Most architects believe a room should have at least 20 percent as much window area as floor area.

ACCORDING to a recent study by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, wood windows are the most widely used type—more than twice as popular as the most frequently used kind of non-wood window. The most widely used of the wood windows is the familiar double-hung sash, made of poplar or pine. It has two sash that slide up and down in separate channels in the window frame. Among the other wood window styles are the awning, hopper, sliding, and casement types. Modern windows and exterior panel doors are chemically treated to assure ease of operation. Many ponderosa pine windows come in prefabricated units.

## Insulation Blown In Walls, Ceilings Of Older Homes

Making a house more comfortable and less expensive to operate is just as much a part of the whole modernization process as are changes that alter appearance. Foremost among the ways of doing below-the-surface remodeling is insulating. Attics usually can be insulated with batts or blankets in a new construction—but it's a different matter when it comes to walls. Fortunately, techniques have been developed to get insulation into walls without damaging the house. Sections of wall don't have to be torn down.

MINERAL WOOL is pneumatically blown into the walls of existing homes. Obviously, this isn't a do-it-yourself project. The services of an established insulation contractor are required. After carefully removing a small section of exterior material he'll drill holes in the sheathing and then blow molten mineral wool in with a long hose attached to a pneumatic machine mounted on a truck.

The whole thing works something like a vacuum cleaner in reverse. Afterward, the holes are patched and the exterior material replaced by specialists. This is so carefully done that there is no sign that the exterior of the house has ever been disturbed. Millions of homes have been effectively insulated by this method.



KNOTTY PINE plywood was used throughout this comfortable room. Quarter-inch thickness was used for wall paneling, while three-quarter-inch was used for bookshelves, cabinet, drop-leaf table and turtle-tufted (foreground). Other varieties of plywood could have been used instead, to achieve different effect.

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LARGE SHADE trees are used mainly in the rear of the property where there usually is space for them.

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