



Curiosity Shoppe Display

Curiosity Shoppe, Telegraph and Square Lake roads, has eight different room settings full of authentic pieces and reproductions. This particular display features maple furniture for the breakfast nook and appropriate accessories. The Curiosity Shoppe features all kinds of early American furniture from sofas to spinning wheels.

Idle Areas Can Often Be Put to New Uses At Very Modest Cost

With the growth in families and the trend toward informal living and entertaining, the so-called "family room" is becoming increasingly popular. Especially where there are children, it is considered almost a "must" to have a place where they can play and entertain their friends without disturbing the grown-ups and minus wear-and-tear on the living room.

The problem of many families, thoroughly sold on the advantages of such a room, is where to locate the new "addition." In an old house, the basement or attic may be ideal. Either choice is fine if space can be found for those things that "just can't be thrown out." But, whatever the location, home owners must carefully judge how much space they will need for the family's use, and just how much storage area can be sacrificed to this end.

Very often, where the attic has already been finished off, extra sleeping quarters or is reserved for that use in the future, the basement may well be the answer to the question of location.

GREAT IMPROVEMENT in the appearance and function of a basement can be accomplished with a relatively modest expenditure. If the owners are do-it-yourself enthusiasts, they can do much of the work themselves.

Smart owners with a "family room" in mind, will check over published articles and books and then make their decisions with this background and their own requirements in a happy merger. They can ask advice of informed friends, especially if these include a builder or architect. They should prepare sketches to put their dreams on paper and then have them checked by someone who knows something about remodeling.

MATERIALS USED in basement "face-lifting" are a major consideration. They should be selected for their appearance, wearing qualities, economy and function.

The wall treatment usually gives the family room its basic personality, and paneling is a popular choice because it is handsome, sturdy and easy to maintain.

Woods from the western pine region are particularly suitable because of the wide range of types (there are ten varieties in all), and these may be treated or finished in

infinite variety. If a clear finish is to be used, the color of the wood is an important consideration. For a room with limited natural light, it is wise to choose a paneling that is light in tone, such as Idaho white pine, ponderosa pine or sugar pine. For a well-lighted room a darker wood is a good choice such as inland red cedar or incense cedar.

FURTHERMORE, the range of finishes is so great that no one need be limited. Dark woods can be made almost white with wipe-on, wipe-off pigmented stains, and paneling can be finished in any color tone by the same method. The color remains but the grain shows through.

Other materials suitable for a "family room" project are the various hardboards (such as Masonite). These are especially popular with home owners painting to do most of the work themselves. Available at lumber dealers in various patterns and styles, they are easily worked with common woodworking tools and have great stamina against abuses. They are excellent, too, for sliding doors, soffits and various built-ins.

FOR A GAY but rugged surface underfoot, asphalt floor tiles can be easily installed by the man of the house in striking color combinations and patterns to add decorative interest to the room.

Built-in benches provide extra seating space and also serve to conceal the unsightly pipes that

New Lighting Can Enhance Dining Room.

Good dining room lighting can not only make food look more appetizing, but it can vastly improve the appearance of the room.

In too many of the country's dining rooms or areas, old-fashioned and dingy lighting fixtures are detracting from the beauty of the dining room set. In addition they give the food a dull and unappetizing look, according to the American Home Lighting Institute. Today's lighting fixtures for the dining room abound in a wide variety of styles and designs. There is one to complement every dining set, be it contemporary or traditional.

A good lighting fixture does the following: —It accents the dining table while providing adequate general lighting for the rest of the room. —It provides the proper amount of soft diffused illumination on the table to show the food in its best light. —It does not glare at any point.

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and normally can be adjusted up or down. —It has the right styling to match room decor. —If your present fixture doesn't meet these standards, then it's time to put a new lighting fixture high on the list of your home improvement plans. Most modern fixtures can be installed by any experienced "do-it-yourselfer" (provided he removes the correct fuse before starting.) According to the institute, the average dining room needs a fixture with a diameter of between 15 and 17 inches. The fixture should be able to hold five 40 watt bulbs.

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