

Paint Brings Fresh Color to the Home

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As Nature bursts into the fresh colors of spring, it is only natural that the home owner should feel a strong urge for an equally refreshing "change of scene" in one or more rooms in his home.

In following this redecorative urge, he is quite likely to think first of repainting the walls, which represent the biggest area of color in a house. A new paint job can set the tone of the room, "pull together" the decorating scheme, even influence our moods.

IT IS IMPORTANT that you consider the choice of colors carefully in order that you may achieve the results you want. Color can excite or relax, soothe or stimulate, warm or cool.

For example—a gloomy, north room will brighten and become cheerful under the touch of some yellow paint. An overbright room will calm down if you add the right shade of green—the peace-

therefore you can "lower" a ceiling by painting it a dark color.

Dark shades, on the whole, are more masculine... light shades more feminine. That's why dad's den is not pink!

It's more effective to use complementary colors. You can paint three walls one hue, the fourth in the complementary shade. Or you can add that shade with drapes and slipcovers.

To find a complementary color, get a color wheel; select your basic shade—the complement is the color directly opposite. Complements include a cool shade balanced by a warm shade.

COLORS NOT only complement each other—they can complement the lady of the house. If she has brown hair, she'll look her best in a setting of slightly grayed colors—soft greens, blues, rosy tones and clear pastels.

Brilliant colors are an effective backdrop for those with black hair. Redheads are striking in rooms painted white, golden yellow, rusty brown or soft blue or gray.

Blondes accent the dusty pastels and all soft shades. And those with gray hair look especially lovely against wine red or medium blue.

HERE ARE A FEW basic rules to keep in mind when planning your redecorating scheme:

- 1. Cool, light colors produce a sensation of distance and enlarge a room; warm deep colors seem to come forward to give a cozy feeling.
- 2. A white or lighter-than-the-walls ceiling appears higher.

Many Homes Need Additional 'Housepower'

If your fuses blow frequently, your appliances operate inefficiently, and your lights dim or flicker mysteriously then you are the victim of low housepower.

The best way to determine what kind of electric system will best meet your needs is to first decide how you want to live electrically. This will mean listing the extent of your present lights and appliances and the possible electrical additions you will make in the next few years.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS ago the average system had only 30 amperes. In the light of today's electrical advances a 30 ampere system is a pretty primitive affair. It would supply only sufficient power for a limited number of low wattage lights and a few low wattage appliances. In comparison with the needs of today's electric living a 30 ampere system is as outmoded as the gas lamp.

A 60 ampere system would be equally expediting for, although you might be able to add one or two major appliances, you would have to limit your selections and even resort to power-budgeting the appliances you do have.

THE MORE MODERN 100 am-

pere system has, of course, a greater number of branch circuits to operate today's appliances but the day is just around the corner when homeowners will need even larger supplies of electrical power.

For instance central electric space heating, even large central air conditioning plants need large electric service entrances to supply power to these units.

When you decide to renovate your electric system your electrician contractor will probably advise you to install a 200 ampere system to save costly renovations in the years to come.

HERE ARE A FEW questions you should ask your contractor when you are renovating your present system:

1. Will your system have space for additional branch circuits?
2. How many extra branch circuits will you have?
3. If you are thinking of installing central electric heating, ask if the system will accommodate this addition?
4. Does your kitchen have separate branch circuits for additional heavy duty appliances?
5. Do other rooms, where you may want to set up high-

equipment, an air conditioner or such small appliances as a coffee maker, have additional branch circuits?

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