



## Well-Planned Kitchen Saves Steps

Efficiency kitchens, with appliances and storage cupboards arranged in convenient units, lessen steps hurried housewives must take in the course of their daily work. Large picture windows of thermopane insulating

glass complete the pattern of "open living" which is evident throughout the modern home. Ample daylight floods the work area, creating a bright, cheery atmosphere.

## Homeowners Want Larger Garages With Future Homes

American homeowners want bigger garages in their next homes, and many of those with carports desire some kind of a garage in their future building plans.

In addition, these new garages are expected to be multi-functional: to serve as car shelters, storage space, and "convertible" rooms.

These are some of the facts revealed in a survey of more than 1,000 homeowners in Michigan.

The survey was made by the U.S. Interviewing Corporation. Families interviewed owned homes less than three years old, in the \$14,000 to \$18,000 class, and the size of the average family was four — two adults and two children.

More than one-third of those interviewed had single garages and 20% had double garages. About 40% of the owners of single car garages said they would definitely include a two-car garage in their next homes.

ONE-THIRD of those interviewed who now have double garages were emphatic that their next garage will have considerably more area for storage and play.

Homeowners with carports were asked their garage preferences for the future. Almost half said they wanted a garage of some kind and about one-fifth of the total expressed a desire for a double garage. Some of these carport owners said they wanted a single car garage, and a few wanted an over-size garage.

A question that elicited a great deal of discussion was "Do you think your family would like a double garage that could be converted into a summer patio area by use of upward-acting doors, both front and rear, or front and side? Or don't you think you'd like such a garage?"

Interest in this "Convertible Garage" idea was expressed by more than 50% of those interviewed. When asked how much such a convertible room would be worth to them, about 20% said they thought about \$500, while a few thought it would be worth even more.

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## Floors Should Be Considered In New Decorating Scheme

Now that warmer, spring weather has arrived, housewives are turning their attention toward fixing up their homes. While spring has traditionally been the time to do outside work, the rainy days of spring offer an ideal time to brighten the interior of the home.

Among one of the first areas to be considered during any remodeling project, will be the floor—an area which has probably received the most punishment during a severe winter.

The floor is one of the most dominant areas in any room and should receive careful consideration when planning a decorating scheme. Adding an attractive smooth surface vinyl floor covering is one of the easiest and most inexpensive ways to brighten a home.

ROTOVINYLs, as they are sometimes called, are a recent entry into the floor covering field. Since they are not intended as permanent floors, they are priced well below linoleum, quality sheet vinyls, vinyl tiles, and other permanent types of flooring materials. Rotovinyls are generally loose laid on the floor. No adhesive is required, so they are especially useful for apartments or tenants who rent. A complete new flooring appearance can be obtained by

merely unrolling this material and laying it on the floor. Rotovinyls are ideally suited for use in a nursery, a children's room, a playroom and many other areas of the home. Children often have a desire to express themselves through crayons and pencils and artistic presentations drawn on the floor. Rotovinyls, with a durable vinyl surface, are easy to clean and offer an inexpensive way to brighten any room of the home. And for most rooms there need be no seam to trap dirt, because rotovinyls are available in rolls up to 12 feet wide.

The rotovinyls are currently creating a stir among homemakers because of the almost unlimited range of designs they offer. And yet their patterns, some so realistic that they fool the eye, are printed in basically the same manner that is used to print the colored comics in many Sunday newspapers.

The essence of rotovinyl floor covering is a photographic reproduction of a design, printed on felt, then sealed under several layers of clear vinyl. Any material can be photographed. Within the last year these vinyl floor coverings have become available in such attractive designs as natural cork, authentic wood plank and realistic marble tile.

Vinyl acrolon floor coverings

cost about \$25 for a 10' x 15' room. Their vinyl surface gives them long life, though they do not compare in durability with true resilient flooring which is cemented permanently in place. Since they are not installed permanently, they can be readily rolled up, if moving is required, or when the children grow up and a more permanent floor is desired.

Of course, for those homemakers who wish to remodel their homes with a more permanent type of flooring material there are literally hundreds of designs and colorings available in the family of resilient flooring products—linoleum, sheet vinyl flooring, vinyl tile, rubber tile and cork tile.

Many fence styles can look attractive from either side. Louvered, board-on-board, offsetting boards made of long-life western red cedar look good from both sides.

## Quonset Dog House In Pre-Fab Style

A prefabricated dog house, styled similarly to the famed Quonset huts that sheltered American soldiers in all climates during the last war, has reached the market. Made by a Birmingham Company, each hut is packed in a flat carton. One model is for "junior" sized dogs and another for medium dogs. They are hinged for easy do-it-yourself erection, however, and the familiar arched roof of Masonite Tempered Presdwood takes form under easy bending. End and bottom, too, are durable Masonite, which is easily cleaned and contains no splinters to damage Fido's coat.

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