

Recreation Room Is Winter Haven For Active Teens

With the advent of cool weather, teenage youngsters are moving most of their activities indoors, much to the chagrin of parents who are discovering it increasingly difficult to find a quiet corner of the house for relaxing.

To avoid the problem of a long, dreary winter, spent dodging in and out of groups of their favorite teen-agers, many parents have successfully applied the "divide and conquer" strategy to their family dilemma—they set aside an extra room in the house as a recreation room especially for the teen-agers.

HERE ARE some practical suggestions for planning a recreation room for the teen-age crowd:

Plan the project carefully in advance of any work. A few well-spent hours in the planning stages can save many dollars and hours when it comes time to do the actual remodeling.

Look in every possible location of the home when considering where to put the room. A basement and attic can be refinished into a handsome playroom at minimum cost. A garage can be converted. A porch or breezeway might be enclosed. Or an entirely new room can be added to the present home.

Select the names of several reliable contractors or firms who specialize in remodeling work. Get complete specifications and estimates before making a final selection on the contractor and insist on a contract which spells out in detail all of the work to be performed.

IF THE EXTRA ROOM is in the basement, coats can be kept down by simply painting the cement block walls rather than investing in expensive wall coverings. Masonry paints are available in a variety of attractive colors which, when combined with the natural texture of

Leftover Turkey, Broccoli Combine For Quick Dinner

Perhaps this should be called "Meal in a Minute" because it's so quick—and easy.

Place hot cooked broccoli and sliced turkey in a baking dish. Heat pasteurized process cheese spread in a small sauce pan over low heat or in a double broiler.

When thinned, pour over broccoli and turkey, place in moderate oven (355° F) for 10 minutes until all is heated through. Serve immediately.

Hair of Dog Cure

Best way to remove dog hair from clothes is to misten a rubber sponge and rub the cloth lightly.

the blocks, create a smart, decorating effect.

To avoid the "closed-in" feeling of a basement, pretend there is a picture window in it and simulate the window with a bamboo curtain and draperies on either side. This also helps to solve the problem of what to do about decorating the broad expanse of concrete walls.

A fireplace can be the focal point of the room. If a built-in brick or masonry fireplace does not fit into the plans or the budget, consider using one of the many types of attractive prefabricated fireplaces. Generally they are less expensive and are available in a variety of pleasing styles.

SINCE THIS IS to be the teen-agers' room, select a floor that contributes to the youthful character of the room. Striking design effects can be achieved with floor tile by using two or three different colors of the same pattern.

The variety of design effects is almost endless. Feature strips, those long strips of flooring in solid, contrasting colors, can be added to create simple but unusual custom floor styles. Vinyl-asbestos tile is a good bet for flooring since it is relatively inexpensive, easy to maintain and durable enough to withstand the most determined assault of a succession of teen-age twist parties.

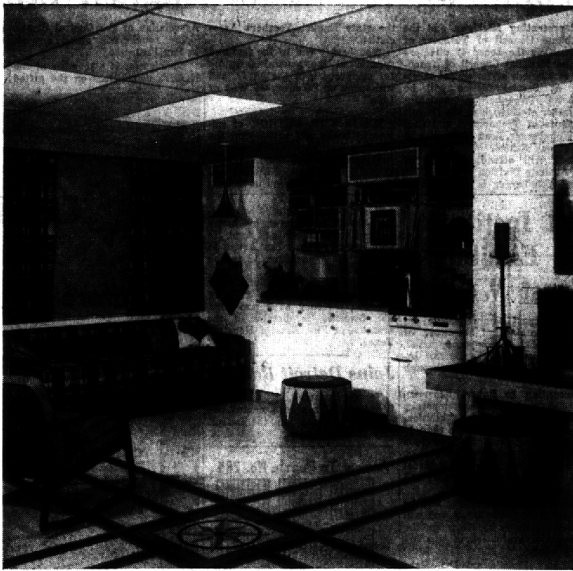
EVERN WITH THE youngsters confined to another room, parents may still lack the peace and quiet they were hoping for unless the room includes an acoustical ceiling to hold down the noise level in the room.

One of the newest types of acoustical ceilings is suspended from a metal grid system and utilizes large lay-in acoustical panels instead of the usual small tiles.

This new type of ceiling is also designed to accommodate luminous ceiling panels that provide attractive recessed lighting for the room. Plumbing and electrical fixtures can be easily concealed yet are readily accessible by merely lifting out one or more of the lay-in panels.

To complete the family-recreation room, consider a home entertainment center that can be built into cabinet space along one of the walls. The cabinets could include all the accessories for both teen-age and adult entertainment such as television, hi-fi, radio or even a compact, combination refrigerator and range.

A small refrigerator and range combination can save many steps back and forth to the kitchen for hot and cold refreshment, especially when the kids have gone to bed and mother and dad have the new room to themselves.



IDEALLY SUITED for both teen-age and adult entertaining, a basement recreation room is a perfect answer for families looking for extra living space. A new type of suspended ceiling offers both good lighting and acoustical qualities. The compass rose used in the center of the vinyl-asbestos tile floor is a ready-made inset that permits the do-it-yourselfer to create unusual, custom floor designs.

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Dark, Warm Colors Will Shorten Room, Opposite Widens

You can redesign rooms through color selection. To "shorten" a long room, use a dark shade of a warm color (red, orange and yellow) on the end walls.

To "widen" a narrow room, use a light shade of a cool color (blue, green or violet) on the side walls. To increase the all-around spaciousness, use the same light, cool shade on all four walls, woodwork and ceiling.

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Sew Holiday Table Trims

Handy do-it-yourself-ers can capitalize on the festive air of the holiday season by coordinating gay table setting ideas and window treatments.

A small, round table is the perfect foil for a floor-length Christmas cloth. You can make one of bright red or green cotton and trim it with white swag-and-ball fringe around the bottom, using a narrow zigzag stitch.

Then make matching seat covers and back cushions for the dining chairs in stylized Christmas tree shape.

Trim the tree with fabric-covered buttons in contrasting colors so that they look like flat Christmas tree balls. Sewing experts suggest you make a paper pattern of the tree before cutting the fabric which you can also use to make extra trees to paste on your window shades.

Add the same ball fringe to the shade border and multi-colored flat buttons to the trees, and—for a little time and effort—you'll have a delightful spot to entertain Santa.

GIVE YOUR BATH an elegant holiday air, say the sewing experts by having your towels and window shades brightly decorated with amusing Christmas motifs.

Christmas bells, holly leaves, candy canes, or decorative candles are all easy to silhouette. Cut the appliques out of washable fabric in colors that lend a pretty contrast to your towels and applique with a zigzag stitch. Add several rows of decorative stitch patterns to the design to give your towels a special, custom look.

To complete your color scheme, paste one set of appliques on your window shade and cover a waste basket with towel and trim with ball fringe. Artificial holly shade

Lemon Rind Cleans

A lemon rind, dipped into salt, then rubbed over the corrosion spots on brass articles, will usually clean like magic.

Pecan Recipes Fill Cookie Jar, Tummies

To a small child, an empty cookie jar is a capital offense. Cookies and milk solve the plaintive after-school cry of "Mom, what's to eat?"

When the jar is empty, you are faced with a forlorn look, even by the man of the house.

Pecan Sticks and Pecan Butter Balls are two special recipes prepared by home economists to answer all cookie calls. These cookies are easy to make and actually "melt in your mouth."

They are fancy enough to wrap in gay packages, as gifts for your friends when you stop in to say Merry Christmas or Happy New Year.

PECAN STICKS

3 egg yolks
3/4 cup sugar
3/4 teaspoon vanilla
3/4 cup flour
3/4 cup finely chopped pecans
3 egg whites, stiffly beaten

Beat egg yolks until light. Gradually beat in sugar and add vanilla. Stir in flour and pecans. Fold in egg whites. Spread about 3/4 inch thick in greased and lightly floured 12 x 7 1/2 inch pan.

Bake at 350° for 25 minutes. Cool. Frost with boiled frosting if desired or sprinkle with confectioner's sugar. Cut into 3 x 1 inch strips. Makes about 24 sticks.

PECAN BUTTER BALLS

1 cup butter
1/2 cup sifted confectioners' sugar
2 cups sifted flour
2 teaspoons vanilla
1 cup chopped pecans
Sifted confectioners' sugar

Cream butter and sugar. Slowly add flour and vanilla. Stir in pecans. Chill in refrigerator for two hours. Shape into small balls (about 3/4 inch).

Place on ungreased cookie sheet and bake in 375° oven for about 15 minutes, or until lightly browned. After removing them from the oven, cool slightly. Roll them in confectioners' sugar and place on a rack to cool. Makes about 6 dozen.

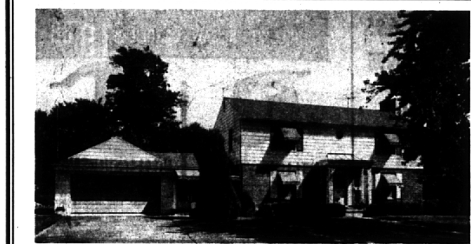
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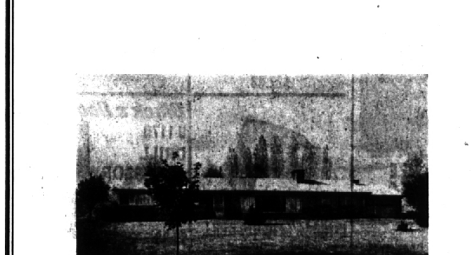
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