

Space-Saving Ideas Save Money

The importance of saving space, in the home has skyrocketed in the past two decades. Not only are many post-war homes built with limited attic space and no basements, but the construction cost has soared.

A recent national survey reported that during the past 10 years the average construction cost of a single-family dwelling rose from \$9,300 to \$13,871. This 49 per cent increase places additional value on every square foot of living space. And for the nation's 14 million families that live in apartments, limited space is an ever-present problem.

BUT YOU can do something about it. Here are several space-saving ideas you can use to "un-glue" your home for better living.

Optical illusions serve well to reduce whatever claustrophobia comes over you when you enter a particular room.

Use a framed mirror to reflect an outdoor scene from an opposite wall. The movements of the reflected sunlight create the effect of having another window.

White or neutral walls, draperies and carpets add to a spacious feeling. Lightly scaled furniture will help make a room seem larger as will pale, solid colors.

Nothing is worse than large patterns. Furnishings with see-through qualities and straight lines help, too.

BUT THERE ARE methods for creating real space, too, not just the illusion.

You can store more in your hall closet by hanging hats on door racks. Make a hinged box for the

space, such as soft drinks in cans, facial tissues in a space-saving box and concentrated juices and other foods.

CHOOSE DUAL purpose and fold-away furniture.

Space-saving furniture can include upholstered chairs that fold up and tuck away, dining tables that perform other duties between meals, bookcases that double as

room dividers and, of course, a sofa-bed combination.

Accordion style or hinged shutter-type doors free wall space otherwise needed to accommodate and open door. A d and a hanging lamp provides a good light and saves floor or table space.

So, if your walls seem to be closing in, try some of these space-engineering tips. You can be both compact and comfortable.

Guide for Buying Air Conditioners Made Available

With spring in the air and summer getting up steam, it's time to plan for hot-weather comfort. This often means shopping for new room air conditioners.

The wide choice of room air conditioners now available could be confusing to buyers if it weren't for a new, nationwide system for designating cooling capacities.

This system, called the NEMA certification program, is described in a 12-page illustrated pamphlet designed to help families select a room air conditioner that will meet their specific cooling problems.

RECENTLY revised to include up-to-date information, the booklet describes the basic types of room air conditioners, what they do, and how they are installed.

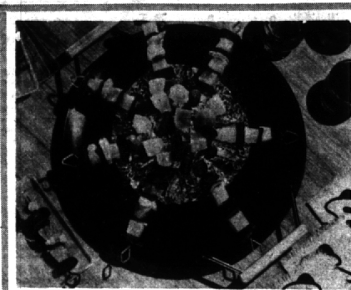
It also explains the NEMA (National Electrical Manufacturers Association) Certification Program, in which room air conditioner capacities are rated by British Thermal Units per hour, a more accurate way of designating cooling capacity than the old horsepower or ton ratings. Watt and ampere requirements also are certified.

TO OBTAIN a copy of "Room Air Conditioners—How to Choose the Model Best Suited to Your Needs," ask your local Better Business Bureau or write to Department A, National Better Business Bureau, Inc., 230 Park Ave., New York 17, N. Y., enclosing a stamped, self-addressed business size envelope.

Easier Ironing

An electric iron gives best service when its sole plate is clean. Wipe the sole plate with a damp cloth after each use. Another suggestion is to rub it once a month with a good grade of paraffin or beeswax, and wipe off on paper or cloth.

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Dainty Kabobs

Skewered foods always hold a special fascination. This delicious combination of canned pineapple tidbits, cocktail franks, green pepper and shrimp go together for an appetizer. Allowing guests to broil their own over small hibachis adds to the fun of the party.

One of the beauties of this recipe is that it is made with ingredients you can easily stock on a cupboard shelf.

TROPICAL KABOB APPETIZERS

- 1 (9-ounce) can pineapple tidbits
- 1 can cocktail franks
- 2 dozen cooked shrimp
- 1 green pepper
- 2 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce
- 2 tablespoons catsup
- 1/2 teaspoon horseradish
- Stuffed olives
- Cocktail onions

String drained pineapple, cocktail franks, shrimp and green pepper squares on metal skewers or green bamboo sticks in any pattern you like. Brush with a mixture of Worcestershire, catsup and horseradish.

Broil until heated through and tinged with brown. Stick cocktail onion or stuffed olive on end of each kabob.

Serve hot. Makes about two dozen kabobs.

Old Mansions Show Abiding Age of Wood

From New England south along the Atlantic Coast are many charming and historic homes which date back almost to the beginning of settlement in this country. Some of these homes, like the lovely old mansion in Salem, Massachusetts, which was built in 1719, are wonderful examples of the durability of wood.

Only wood of all the processed building materials currently used in home construction has been tested and time proven by centuries of use, to a degree never equalled by any other building material. Most of these beautiful historic

homes along the Atlantic seaboard have been well maintained and when properly cared for are as sound today as when they were built: 100, 200 and 250 years ago.

IT IS A TRIBUTE to wood's long-lasting qualities that these marvelous old homes have as much grace and charm today as they did more than two centuries ago.

Although wood is man's oldest building material, and it reached a peak of design potential in Colonial and Cape Cod architecture, it is equally at home in contemporary design.

It is interesting to note that the pines and Douglas firs have supplied the great bulk of construction lumber for the nation's 55 million homes. The most widely used single species of lumber is Douglas fir which reached its optimum growth in the rain blessed coastal states of the Pacific Northwest.

Teach Your Children Accident Prevention

Help keep your home accident-free by teaching children home safety habits. Not only are children subject to home accidents, but children's carelessness is a major hazard to other members of the family. Here are a few safety habits for children:

- Teach children to walk, never run in the house. Insist that children keep shoes on. Stocking feet offer no resistance to slippery floors.
- Provide mats outside the front and back doors and teach children to wipe their feet before entering the house. Snow, mud or sticky substances tracked through the house create dangerous areas.

- Children's toys left carelessly on the floor are a danger to every member of the family. Insist that toys be picked up and put away immediately after play. You'll make it easier to teach your child to put things away if you provide not just one, but several toy boxes in various parts of the house.

- When children spill things, train them to wipe up grease, spilled milk or water, fruit peelings immediately. Provide a roll of Kleenex paper towels installed at child-height on a wall or cabinet in the kitchen for prompt clean-ups.

- If a child breaks any glass object, train him to tell you about it immediately and not to touch it himself. Picking up jagged pieces of glass is a job for adults only and which requires extreme care. Use several thickpieces of paper toweling, even when picking up the larger pieces. For the tiny splinters, dampen a paper towel, place over the glass splinters, and use a pad of dry toweling to protect your fingers.

Car Consideration

When buying a new car, there are four things to consider. Most people only consider the price of the new car and the trade-in price of the old car. Remember also to consider the price of your financing and your automobile insurance. You can save up to \$700 on these last two items alone.

Rug Appeal

Keep in mind the character of the room when you are buying rugs. Grass rush or fiber rugs suggest the tropics and would be good in an informal, sunny room. Braided or woven rugs are also informal and harmonize with provincial furniture. Mexican and Indian rugs are informal and bold designs are right for family rooms or a man's room.



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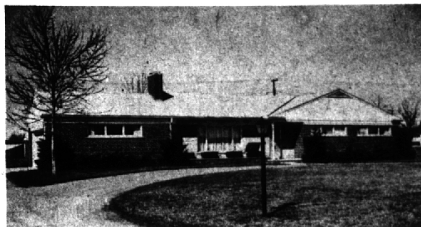
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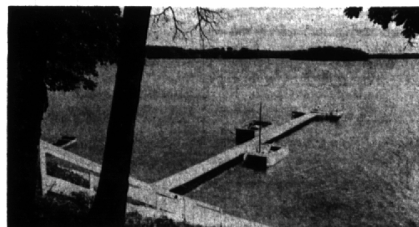
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