

Planning Family Room? You're Not Only One!

The family room still ranks at the top of the "most wanted" list of home improvements. Such a versatile room takes the pressure off other areas of the house, and adds space for special purpose areas like a dark room or home office.

Plan the room properly from the start. The two factors that are most important in planning a new family room are the over-all design and the building materials to be used.

Your local lumber dealer can stimulate your thinking by suggesting various floor plans, as well as suitable materials. Booklets provided by manufacturers also can be useful.

VING SMITH, noted New York designer, recently prepared a professional guide to room planning and interior decoration for the manufacturers of plastic-finished marlite wall and ceiling paneling. A copy of this colorful 24-page booklet can be obtained by sending 25c to the Home Service Bureau, P. O. Box 652, Dover, Ohio.

Make sure that you combine good

Solid Oriental

Oriental-styled planters made of cast gray iron, finished in appropriate hues, make ideal gifts. Their solid construction eliminates danger of knocking over the planter and spilling its contents.

appearance and easy maintenance. Many homeowners are planning family rooms that can be washed; never need periodic decorating.

HOME HANDYMEN can reduce expenses by doing much of the construction work themselves. Paneling the walls can be accomplished by Dad if he uses an easy-to-handle material like 16"x8' marlite wood-grain planks.

These high-fidelity woodgrain planks can be applied directly to any solid backing, or to horizontal furring strips placed 16" apart if the walls are uneven.

Tongue-and-groove edges make the planks fit easily together, with special adhesive and concealed metal clips completing the installation. The result is an uninterrupted random-plank wall that complements any family room decor.

MASONRY walls should be water-proofed and furred before installation. The only tools needed for most installations are a hammer, saw and level.

Be sure to plan the built-in units that you'll need in the family room. Include work and display space, too.

Tailor all storage to your individual needs. Make a list of the things you'll want to store in the new family room. Then create space for them as required.

Accent Wall Can Change Room Decor

Long accent walls in the living or dining room can be transformed into eye-catching color areas. These walls can dictate the entire "personality" of a room, according to experienced decorators.

A woodgrain wall in the living room, for instance, will create an informal atmosphere instead of the formal feeling usually associated with a living room.

A bright color on a long wall in a dining room with poor natural lighting will change the entire complexion of the room. In a home with a modern decor, alternating colors can be used on this accent wall.

IDEAL FOR modernization projects are 16" x 8' marlite planks, which are available at lumber dealers in attractive colors and high-fidelity woodgrains. The planks are installed with wall-board adhesive right over the old walls.

Marlite has a baked melamine plastic surface that can be damp-wiped clean. It never needs painting or refinishing, eliminating expensive redecorating bills in the future.

Another way to accent long interior walls is with 16-inch square blocks of the same plastic-surfaced hardboard material. The blocks come in 11 "companion" colors.

Safety Rules Will Help You Stay in the Swim

Whether you now own a swimming pool or hope to build one some day, knowing the rules of swimming pool safety may make a vital difference to you and your family.

These protective pointers from the producer of pool filter aids, will keep you — figuratively, at least — from getting in over your head.

1. ARRANGE FOR an adult to be present whenever the children are in for a swim. In the case of neighborhood kids, make an informal rule that no small children will be allowed unless accompanied by an adult.
2. Be sure that swimmers stay out of the pool for at least an hour after meals.
3. Have a life preserver handy — an inflated inner tube is fine.
4. A high fence around the pool will protect wandering tots — and

possibly save you from negligence charges. Keep the gate closed whenever the pool is not in use.

5. Electric lights in the pool area make night swimming safer, help prevent falls into the pool.

6. FILTERS should be run so that pool water is completely filtered every 18-24 hours.

7. Filters must be cleaned every three to 10 days. The interval between cleanings can be lengthened by proper care of pool: frequent vacuuming and skimming (either by hand or with automatic skimmer).

8. Keep water well-chlorinated to fight the growth of algae and bacteria.

9. After the season, check valves, pipes and other equipment for damage that needs repairing. Moving parts should be oiled, and all exposed metal given a light coat of grease or oil to prevent rust.

At least once a year, preferably in the spring, drain the pool and check pool walls and floors for cracks and other damage.

10. During the off-season, pool should be constantly covered with a plastic or canvas top strong enough to support the weight of a person who might fall or step onto it.

If the cover is removed for ice skating, be sure to replace it during warm spells to prevent accidents.

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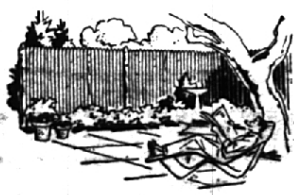
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