Revolutionary Developments Expected in Home Building

A host of revolutionary interior changes for new and different family living habits will begin unfolding in U.S. homes within the next few years.

As increasing home time and leisure activities create a greater demand for luxuries and conveniences, these desires will bring radical changes in home decoration and design.

A survey among leading interior decorators throughout the country by the American Home Improvement Institute, national clearing house for design and building information, shows the late '50s will usher in new kinds of furnishings, appliances and decorating materials and new ways to live with them.

IN THE kitchen, for example, push-button meal preparation is on the horizon. Appliances will be designed to combine the facilities of sink, refrigerator, percolator, can-opener, mixer-blender, seasoning-slicer and range-tower.

The homemaker will be able to dial the meal desired, from ingredients to cooking method. The food will be prepared, cooked electronically in seconds and then custom cooked to perfection in minutes.

IN THE bedroom, new sleeping equipment will combine beauty with comfort. The temperature will be controlled electronically, and nightlights can be placed anywhere in the room.

In the bathrooms, new designs and materials will appeal to both the eye and the body. Bathtubs will be molded in a natural shape, and showers will be encased in glass or frosted glass.

New Look for Old Idea

The old-fashioned rocking chair was relaxing, but today's rocker is high-fasion furniture styling as well. This one has gently curved back and arms, following the line of the rocker.

Dishwasher Tips For China Items

For the finishing touch to your spring cleaning, get the sparkle back on your used china with a solution of vinegar and crystal.

An automatic dishwasher is a special blessing for doing all those fragile glassware jobs. Here are some helpful tips to save time and trouble:

1. First, place bowls either in the center of the rack or at an angle, facing down for proper drainage. Glasses may go anywhere in the upper rack, but never place them in the lower one.

2. Arrange the glasses firmly so that they are not in contact with each other, and cannot be displaced. The entire run of the glass should rest on the rack. Make certain all items clear the top of the tub. Pull the racks gently to prevent the glasses from tipping.

KNOW YOUR CHINA well before washing it. Advise your house economists. In most good china, the pattern is protected by an overglaze which prevents it from fading, even at very high temperatures. Exceptions that could prove risky for automatic washing are china pieces with decorations that have applied after the protective glaze has been fired.

These items can fade, with either hand or machine washing. The very hot water and detergent used in automatic dishwashers would hasten the fading.

HAND PAINTED CHINA and chinoiserie with metal trim also are vulnerable to high water temperatures and detergent solutions, and should be washed by hand in mild soap.

When you return your sparkling clean china to the storage shelves, cushion plates, saucers and bowls by placing paper towels between stacked items. Properly placed, real ceramic tile is practically indestructible and will last the lifetime of a home with little upkeep.

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