

Dressing Your HOME

Nature's colors brighten winter

It's time to move indoors again. Even terra starts to be an indoor sport. We who live in the winter zone start changing our wardrobes from lightweight fabrics and colors to heavier fabrics and darker shades.

We would all like to capture some of nature and bring it into our homes to brighten the long winter days ahead. And we can do just that with color.

Everyone is talking color, and you shouldn't be afraid to use it but you've been reading home fashion magazines which leave you thoroughly confused.

(The magazine says) Paint your walls chocolate brown, deep green, burgundy, terra cotta or, yes, be a trendsetter and use Strömgrön.

Still another says: The interior is yellow from left to right to string the sunny tones or go on to the coral family from the softest of pink coral to carmine.

What to do? It's obvious. Unless you're planning to start from the floor up and throw everything out, consider what your budget says must stay.

Say you're going to attack the family room or the living room where no family room exists. Start with the floor. Is the carpeting light or dark? What tones are your pieces of furniture?

Don't worry about the windows. They can be inexpensively redone and perhaps with a newer method. If your answer to the carpet and furniture is light in color, then your answer is you can use deep tones because they are perfect for light, bright colors, dark ground prints and checks.

When you contrast the dark walls with white ceilings and woodwork, you get a smashing effect. On the other hand, if you are not inclined to dark tones and your furniture and rug are light colors, you can go to the pastel very easily, they also will make the area seem larger. Should you have medium to dark tones in furniture, go to the monochromatic route, using shades and tints of your deepest color, and use a complementary color or two to highlight the area.

IN ALL INSTANCES consider the exposure of your rooms. A northeast room is without sun and needs warm colors. With a southeast or western exposure, you can do anything using either red or warm colors, even dark tones.

Think walls, although the room is bright during the day, need extra lighting at night because light is absorbed by dark walls.

When choosing new colors, consider what your favorite colors are. Do you live with them or avoid them? Many people live with their favorite colors because they've seen the accomplished effect in mood. They are afraid to assert their own taste.

If this is the case in your home, start a gradual change replacing existing colors with colors you like. What colors do you have in your wardrobe? Do you wear one set of colors and love them? How about coordinating both your home and wardrobe so that the colors are a complementary background for you? Here's a question that fits right in with what I've just been talking about.

Dear Mrs. Regan:

I've just moved into a new condominium. The carpeting was furnished by the builder and it's a very light beige. My furniture is not new but it's in good condition, contemporary in style with bright-colored upholstery. The apartment is bright, facing southeast. I'd like to use colors on the walls but I'm afraid I'll pick the wrong ones.

Mrs. JM

Dear Mrs. JM:

Here's a perfect example of being able to pick your favorite color provided it isn't in the neutral family. Live a little. Go to a strong, rich green or apricot or any of the new dark tones. Add a chair or two and either a print or a solid color in a lighter tint of the walls.

Do the windows in a tone of the walls, either shades or drapes, keeping the window white. Now, if all your clothes are neutral, here's where you add colorful scarves, sweaters, accessories in your favorite color. You and your home will now look like you live together.

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Why support the bottle bill?

Why should I vote yes on Proposal A, and how will a returnable container system work at the store?

J.T. West Bloomfield

As the director of the Redford Township Recycling Center for approximately 5 1/2 years, it has become apparent to me that when solid waste management is being considered, we must also consider methods of source or waste reduction.

Our population is increasing, as is the amount of rubbish we generate per person per day. This is one of the reasons we must reduce the overall amount of material we haul to our incinerators and landfills each day.

Source reduction can be accomplished many ways, but the one that is on people's minds at this time is the returnable container.

THE ENVIRONMENT:

1. Returnable beverage containers would reduce energy and raw materials consumption by container industries since, nationwide, returnable bottles can be reused 10 or 12 times. There would be an automatic associated reduction in air and water pollution because fewer containers would be needed.

2. Since a reduced amount of waste would be handled overall, our existing landfills would last longer and our land must be considered one of our most important natural resources.

3. While glass recycling, whether done through small volunteer programs or large resource recovery systems, does save natural resources, it does not compare with what can be saved by using a returnable system.

4. Consumers now pay dearly for roadside litter pickup through our taxes, whether we realize it or not. A deposit system would mean that a substantial part of our present litter, estimated by Peter Stroth, President of Stroth's Brewery Co., as being 18 million bottles and cans per year in Michigan, would just not occur.

If an individual did throw a beverage container on the roadside or in a parking lot or on someone's lawn, it wouldn't be long before an enterprising person would retrieve it and return it to a store for its dollar value. Bottles and cans would disappear from our roadways like magic.

5. As in the case of most large system changes, there would be job relocations. A switch to returnables would open up jobs in warehousing, trucking, and grocers and beverage retailing.

IN THE STORE:

Exact procedures on how a returnable beverage container system will work have not been published yet, but would probably be like this: A deposit of five cents for each "certified" container (bottle) without identifying marks or shapes that can be used by many bottlers; or 10 cents for all other containers will be charged on your first package of beverages.

From then on, when you take back your "empties" and buy more soft drinks or beer, the deposit will be transferred from the "empties" to the full containers.

If you wanted to return "empties" but did not want to purchase beverages you would get a cash refund. It would be that simple.

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March of Dimes

The March of Dimes Haunted House, 605 W. Ten Mile, Pleasant Ridge, across from the Detroit Zoo, will be open through Wednesday, Oct. 31, with hours 6:11 p.m. weekdays and 4:11 p.m. Sundays. Admission is \$1.50 at the door or \$1 through any March of Dimes office in Wayne, Macomb and Oakland counties in advance.

Free parking is available on the two lots located between Woodward and Ridge Road on Ten Mile Road just in front of the Detroit Zoo, two blocks east of the house. Hot Witches Brew and Devil's Delight will be available on the premises, and children under 12 should be accompanied by an adult.

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All proceeds from this event will go to the March of Dimes continuing fight against birth defects.

Tax act is topic

The 1976 tax reform act will be discussed at the meeting of the American Society of Women Accountants scheduled in the Fairlane Minor, Dearborn, at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 23.

The guest speaker will be Mr. John R. Towle Jr., director of taxes for Arthur Young & Co. Towle is an attorney and is affiliated with the federal tax committees and the Detroit International Tax Group. Dinner will be served following the reception at 4:30 p.m.

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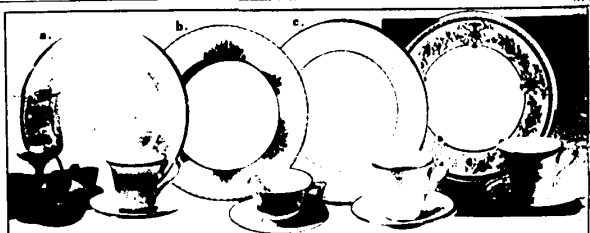
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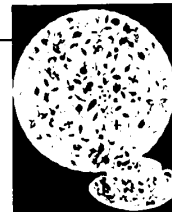
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