

Room for Design

Comfort paramount to make home liveable

There is something important that should be considered of major importance when decorating or furnishing any room of the house, and that is comfort.

No room can be called perfect unless it has real comfort, and real comfort has no price tag. A room must be livable for you. It must meet graciously every requirement you make of it.

A particular room might be just right for a smart young woman who goes out a great deal and favors delicate colors and white furniture in her home. That same room, no matter how charming, would be miserably unsuitable for a hearty family who keep a great Dane and two growing boys to romp with him and each other.

Plan your home for the people who live in it. Think of their habits as you arrange or rearrange your furniture. There are a few hard and fast rules about this arrangement which should be obeyed for the sake of balance. But the rules are very few, and otherwise you are free to experiment.

IF YOU ARE the sort of person who likes to glance up from a book and out of the window, by all means place your favorite arm chair by that window. There is no law that says it can't turn its back on the whole room if you want it to.

A room that is really comfortable for you will be the room that is most becoming to you. We've all seen rooms that look charming but are awfully unsatisfactory to stay in. We say it doesn't look lived in. It was probably planned to be looked at.

The five most powerful decorating friends to guide you are Courage, Color, Balance, Smart Accessories, Comfort. If you follow where they lead, you may create homes that are not only beautiful but capable of opening new doors for you.

A designer often learns as much about the private lives of his client as he can before attempting to design a room or color scheme. If all of us were the same and lived and en-

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tertained in the same style, the designers would have an easy way to go; they might just simply duplicate their room designs and every home would be alike.

But we are different from one another, and our living styles and families are different; therefore, our homes must be individual to fit our needs.

YOUR FURNITURE should be covered in fabrics that are keeping with the kind of use or abuse they must serve. Your colors should be acceptable for many years, not only for the mood or fashion of today. You should have the courage to try something different from the color or style you have always lived with, yet still in keeping with your taste and personality.

The rooms should be arranged so that all large or heavy pieces are not to one side of the room and height and color should be placed around the room rather than all together.

Accessorize after your major pieces are placed in the room and use accessories sparingly but in good taste. Displays of items are the frosting of the room rather than the main event. Use accessories as compliments to your furniture and they will enhance the room properly.

And last but not least, comfort. Where you sit and what your eyes focus on are the parts of the room which make it pleasant and comfortable every day. A room that is lived in is not one that needs cleaning up, but one that is warm and welcoming and relaxing to the spirit and mind, as well as the body.

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