

Room for Design

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Tidbits of knowledge make decorating easy

Color is the dominant factor in creating a pleasant environment throughout your home. . . Many bare furniture legs give too much motion to a room and create the feeling that everything is walking. . . Leave enough space between your coffee table and upholstered pieces so that occupants can leisurely cross their legs while sitting. . . Ottomans and benches for the living or family rooms provide extra seating for company, yet are not space grabbers. . .

Good-looking wood pieces, like worthwhile prints, need to be bordered by space in order to be set off. . . Store cabinets placed under a gallery of paintings settle the problem of what to do with a large empty wall. . . Odd numbers are more appealing than even numbers when arranging pictures and nautings on the wall. . .

Only large objects should be placed on a mantel because no one enjoys looking at "pretties" that they have to strain to see. . . Unframed mirrors are a waste of space they occupy an entire wall space and thus become an architectural feature rather than a decorative one. . . A king-size bed looks gigantic, but its wide expense can be visually reduced by using a printed bedspread. . .

PROBABLY the most attractive position for the bed is the one in which it can be viewed head-on as you enter the room. . . A living room generally does not call for patterned wallpaper because it is already filled with items that attract attention. . . Books belong not only on bookshelves but are attractive accessories on tables, desks, benches and stools, a trick that gives character to a room. . . Yellow gives us all the feeling of warmth and cheerfulness, while blue is soothing and sometimes depressing if used excessively in one room. . .

A favorite reading corner in a room may have two arm chairs facing each other with one common ottoman between them. . . For the type of floor playing that goes on in a little boy's room, a low pile rug or carpet should be used. . . A bed without a headboard can look like a ghost with its head cut off, but throw pillows can add to the illusion of a back-rest. . . Silk catches the beauty of color as no other fabric can, but you must pay for this spectacle and treat it lovingly. . . When selecting fabric for slipcovers or re-upholstery, put it up to your chest to test smoothness. . . If your windows are not too wide, the draperies can be a print, and

the print can be repeated in one or more pieces of furniture or wallcovering. . . Have some fun with wicker furniture in any room of the house for it is the humorous imp of the furniture world. . . What is the first thing you see when you enter your front door and are you proud of it? . . . A bouquet of silk flowers, anywhere, will put spring air into the room. . .

FOR A LIVELY family, a plastic such as Naugahyde may be the answer for furniture coverings in a recreation or family room. . . Live plants are the least expensive and most decorative way of waking up any part of any room. . . A rocking chair is the most welcome gift to any room of every family. . .

When balancing furniture in a room arrangement, think of a seesaw, and proceed to equalize the weights. . . Shelves should not be pregnant with overload, a few objects cause more interest than overly abundant displays. . .

Kitchens should be decorated with a quiet wallcovering for it is most often where the early morning and late evening hours and are spent and the hours in-between tend to be noisy enough. . .

Kitchen carpet? . . . That thought of a raw egg slowly seeping through my kitchen carpet is more than I can bear — Wax-free vinyl for me! . . . Free your bathroom counters of clutter; one large wall cabinet will hide a multitude of secrets. . . Beauty and practicality are partners in creation, and harmony of color and objects is what makes it all come together. . .

Need more decorating tips? Ask Gloria, by writing: Gloria Cohen, Room for Design, The Observer & Eccentric, 1225 Bowers, Birmingham 48012. Enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope for her reply to your decorating question.

GOP Women's Council picks Marylynn Gosling

Marylynn Gosling of the Bloomfield Republican Women's Club was installed recently as president of the Oakland County Council of Republican Women's Clubs for 1977.

Mrs. Gosling follows outgoing council president Lillian (Skeets) Davey of Birmingham.

Other council officers installed at a meeting at the Village Club in Bloomfield Hills are: Barbara Bretz, first vice-president; Marianne Kasper of the Bloomfield club, second vice-

president; and Carolyn Murphy of the West Bloomfield-Pontiac club, corresponding secretary.

Presidents of the seven GOP Women's clubs in the county are: Gayle Murphy, Birmingham; Cathy Henwick, Bloomfield; Penny Loffert, Troy; Joan Sikorski, West Bloomfield-Pontiac.

Also, Mary West, South Oakland; Mary Louise McMillan, Farmington; and Shirley Johnson, Royal Oak. Oakland County Republican Chairman Arthur Elliott installed the new officers.

League to meet March 16

The West Bloomfield-Farmington Area League of Women Voters (LWV) will meet at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 16, at Farmington Community Library, 32737 W. Twelve Mile, Farmington Hills.

The monthly general program will be a presentation on the United Nations by the LWV's U.N. committee.

They include Ann Dzuba and Dody Weil of West Bloomfield and Barbara Worthen and Shirley Stadler of Farmington Hills.

Among questions the committee will examine are "Should the U.S. place conditions on its participation in various bodies of the U.N. system?" and "Among the proposals for changing the U.N. system, are there any that the U.S. should support as being both desirable and achievable?"

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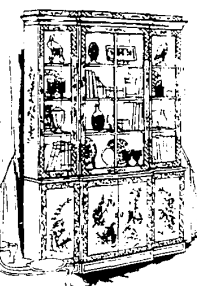
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