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Q: We just moved into a new apartment, and the bathroom is 10 to 12 feet long. It took longer than I expected. A: Lots of pattern can actually make a small space seem bigger. Look for asphalt wall-paper design, such as bright blue flowers on a pale blue background, and cover everything you can with it.

This includes walls, ceiling, built-in cabinet doors — even the back of the bathroom door. Unify your color scheme with coordinating carpeting and towels.

With the two-tone blue paper, floor covering and towels in the deeper shade of blue would look smart.

Q: What are some different ideas for an all-white bathroom? Even the floor is white vinyl tile. Starting from scratch with new fixtures is out of the question with our budget.

A: If you love bright colors, you are in luck. White is the perfect background for a combination of gay, contemporary hues.

Paint the untiled sections of the walls a sunny yellow, the door bright orange, and the woodwork avocado green. Select towels in bold prints that tie in with your tones of yellow, orange and green. Towels provide extra color touches, too, stored on open shelves.

Q: We just added another bedroom and bath to the house but after decorating the bedroom, there's no money left for the bath. Help, please!

A: Relax, and consider the poster. Its big new theme in the decorating world. Choose a brightly colored poster to hang on one wall, and let it set the theme for the rest of the bathroom.

The marvelous flower-draped lady on the newly designed Calgon Bouquet package is now available in poster form and can inspire many decorating ideas.

You can obtain Calgon's decorative poster for \$5.00 by writing: Home Service Institute, Calgon Corporation, Department 3-69, Pittsburgh, Pa. 15230.

The bright hues of pink, purple and a touch of orange in the poster color scheme can be carried out in inexpensive wicker accessories, such as tissue holder, waste basket, or perhaps a hanging basket filled with "almost real" looking plastic flowers and greens.

Add a few matching towels, a shower curtain and a matching rug in a coordinating color from the poster.

It is done regularly until about Thanksgiving, you should get a colorful plant by the time Christmas rolls around.

After Thanksgiving, you can stop the short day treatment.

WE'D ALSO LIKE to remind you that the florist's hydrangea (pink, white and blue flowering varieties) are not hardy, and if left outdoors, winter will kill the buds. Pot up the plant and bring it indoors and keep in a basement around 50 degrees, applying just enough water to keep it alive. In May plant the shrubby plants outdoors and it will blossom for you most of the summer.

TREE ROOTS IN LAWS: What can be done with tree roots which are pestically growing on the surface of your lawn? Will it hurt to cut the roots? No. We usually take a sharp axe or an adze and chop off the roots to level the so they're flush with the soil surface. It won't do them a bit of harm. Some gardeners cope with the problem by covering the roots with a couple inches of soil, but sooner or later the roots will rise above this layer. Chopping the roots out, either wholly or partially is the only way I know to handle this problem.

GREEN THUMB CLINIC: A reader writes: "We want to put in a lawn, but we are told it's too late. Would you do so this late, and should we use a single grass or a mixture?"

Answer: "I like to combine several grasses into a lawn-seed blend. The reason: there's no such thing as a perfect single grass and if you mix them you get the advantages of all. Some do better in certain soils, or in sun or shade.

For example, the fine fescues like Chewings, Illinoise or Pennlawn may be your best bet under trees, and in the open, you can use Kentucky Bluegrass. Bentgrasses are usually planted alone, although now that we have low-growing

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Suburban Gardener  
How To Attract Songbirds To Your Home In WinterBy BETTY FRANKEL  
Special Writer

Birds seem to symbolize spiritual freedom and the joys of life, so the liveliness and beauty they bring to the garden is always welcome but is particularly so during the bleak months of winter.

Fortunate indeed is the gardener who has a family of bright cardinals or grosbeaks sheltering in his backyard evergreens, or a lively team of chickadees, nuthatches, and woodpeckers scouring mistletoes for crumbs and insects. Even a flock of sparrows is interesting to observe.

Many birds feel at ease near our homes and can easily be attracted to nest and feed in the backyard. All that is needed is an open area with a thicket of shrubs nearby, a few trees, some water, and no cats to mar the feeling of safety.

ONE OF THE SIMPLEST and easiest ways to attract birds is to plant trees and shrubs with fruit that birds like to eat. These can be worked into the general landscape scheme. In fact, many are kinds that are considered to be among the very choicest landscape plants.

HAWTHORNS, hollies, mountain ash and hollyhocks are a source of food for many birds, and the birches provide seeds for warblers, finches, and chickadees. Among the evergreen trees, pine cones are sought by many birds, and red cedar berries are relished.

The viburnums are at the head of the list of shrubs that provide food for birds. Some are more favored than others, however. The arrowwood viburnum (V. dentatum) and black haw (V. prunifolium) are

enjoyed by about 30 species of birds.

On the other hand, the attractive red berries of the high bush cranberry are generally ignored until late winter when they are stripped from the branches by flocks of cedar waxwings or by pleasant or grouse.

THE BERRIES of all varieties of cotoneasters are good food for many kinds of birds, too. These are all handsome landscape plants so serve a dual purpose. The shrub dogwoods produce small berries that are not conspicuous or decorative but are great for attracting birds.

The hollies, too should not be overlooked. Winterberry (Ilex glabra) has black fruits and the black alder (Ilex verticillata) has brilliant red berries that are not eaten until late in winter.

Pyracantha, multiflora roses, honeysuckles and Virginia creepers also have berries that the birds enjoy. Sumac fruits are relished by many species, but perhaps the shrub that is enjoyed by most birds of all is the elderberry.

Unfortunately this is too rank and weedy a plant for the small property, but if the yard is large enough for a natural or wild area elderberries should be included.

Among the evergreen shrubs, the berries of junipers are much sought by many kinds of birds.

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Nearly as many birds eat the red fruit of flowering dogwood as eat mulberries. The amelanchier, or shad, also provides food for a great many kinds of birds, as do the various flowering crabs. It has been estimated that over 70 kinds of birds eat the fruit of cherry trees or of the wild black cherry or the smaller choke cherry.

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