

Study/guest room handles double function adroitly

By CORINNE ARATT

The fourth bedroom of a West Bloomfield home took on new life and flexibility in the hands of Farmington Hills freelance interior decorator Suzanne Lucas.

She gave the putty beige shag carpeting and lower window blinds already there her blessing. They were good neutrals to work with.

To turn a rather unimportant bedroom into a sometime guest room for a visiting mother and most of the time study-retreat for a busy attorney, she used natural, workable colors.

Particularly interesting is the way the natural fiber wallcovering was hung both horizontally and vertically. It gives the room a spacious look without breaking color or design continuity.

The furnishings are double-duty ones. The putty beige couch opens up to a full size bed when needed. The natural wood desk, file cabinet built in, changes easily into a game table for a relaxing game of backgammon or chess.

The mirror over the Lucite shelf not only adds to the spacious, airy look, but it is ideal when a visitor is ready to put on make-up. And the Lucite shelf that generally holds plants is just at home as a place for toilet articles.

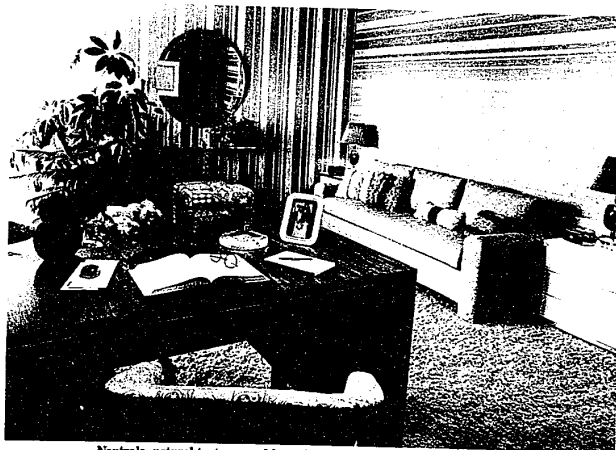
Chairs covered in an African type hand print in neutrals are neither too typical bedroom chairs or too much like office fittings.

They blend into either use of the room.

Ms. Lucas said the only two lampshades in the contemporary home are on the lamps on each side of the couch in this room. The paperback shades on turtle shell bases are traditional, she admitted, but they are appropriate when the room is used as a guest room and the bases strong enough in character to suit the man of the house.

It is a totally uncluttered room, light and pleasant for whatever function it happens to be serving.

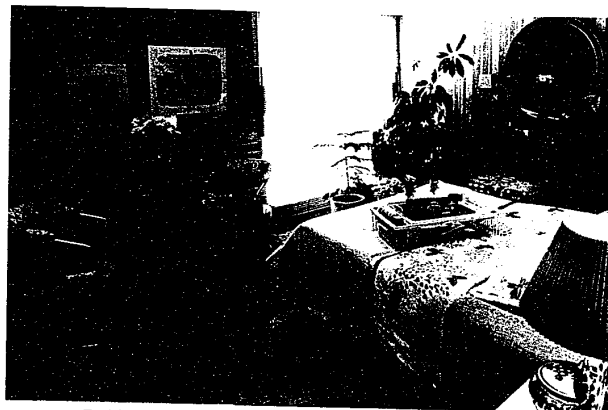
Ms. Lucas is an artist as well as decorator, and her paintings are in several local galleries.



Neutrals, natural textures and lots of plants create an easy-to-work-in study.

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But, for a visiting mother, it's a charming guest room



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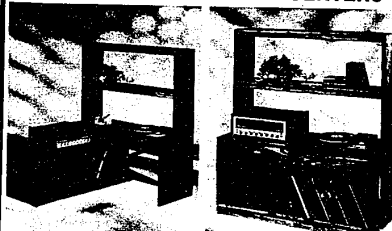
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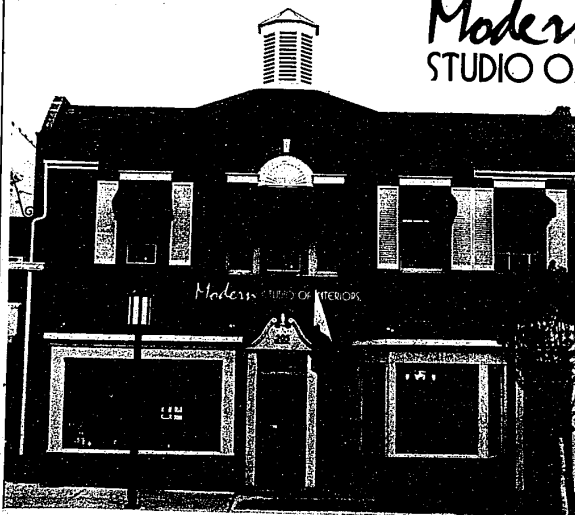
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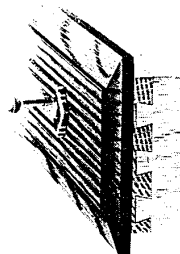


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