Enjoying decorating on a budget

egory.

Investments also include a work of

art that improves with age, or a plano that serves several generations as a piece of furniture as well as a source of immense personal pleasure.

EXPENDITURES are principally the changeable elements in your home. They are those things used expediently

The best definition of budget is "value for your money." By following that
rule of thumb, overspending would entail paying \$50 for an aishtray.
Conversely, the puchase of a \$100 sofa
would be underspending. While few of
us can afford to splurge, none of us can
afford to skimp on our homes —
whether they are county estates or
space-shy apartments.

In the eyes of one outstanding furniture executive, budget does not mean
cheep. If means indigent
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in the control
is a measure of what you can afford
to spend, and within that measure,
there can be delightful freedom of
choice. There are many ways to decorate on a budget.

SOME FOLKS are dedicated

SOME FOLKS are dedicated scavengers. From some of the fussiest atties and secondhand shops across the country, you can assemble enough beautiful finds to furnish two homes. You will rarely need to spend more than \$50 for anything but a major item. There are baskets of all shapes and sizes to decorate a kitchen wall. Few of the baskets cost for than \$50 cents



apice. There is cripp charming wicker, which can be restored, painted and brought up to sauff with little effort. Some people are reported from the control of the control

and experimentally and discarded when they are no longer useful or pleasing. Window shades, curtains, slip covers, area rugs, accessories, wall hangings, are all temporary furnishings that suit the mood of the room at a certain time.

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Improvisation is the best way to fool the budget and make furnishings suitable for the intended purpose. You can, for example, any your tile floor just to not under it. A beautiful skirted table is actually an unpainted circular piece of plywood on a plain wood cylinder base. It is cleverly concealed by a floor-length felt cloth trimmed with braid.

There are many ways to decorae cleverly and judiciously. The main thing is to give furniture air, let it breathe. Don't crowd a lot of furniture into one room.

Bird houses, feeders, win prizes for 3 youth

Three new blue ribbon winners in the Earmington area are altions Prontiers Michael Kopit and Kitty Wheeler who with the honors in the 1988 Bird House and Bird Feeder Contest sponsored by Farmington Hills Parks and Recreation Department in cooperation with Farmington Kiwanis Club.

Allison, 9, 1s a Farmington resident who won the top prize in the bird feeder eategory. The dar are ger goup with a neatly constructed home for blue-er category, the feeder was fashioned from her own design, and created from

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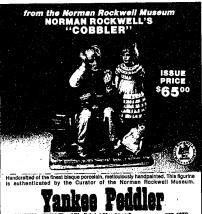


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