# Take a fresh look at familiar rooms

For lack of a better description, 're going to label this column "tid-is," in other words, a "little of this d a little of that" in the world of dec-

bits," in other words, a "little of this and a little of that" in the world of decorating.

Foyers: the most gracious way to welcome guests to your home is to introduce them, as the door opens, to the personal design and living style you have chosen for yourself and family.

All of the effort that has gone into creating charming living areas will be worth much less if the entry to your home falls to convey the warmth and excitement that is to come. This is not a place to skimp on money. Select a fabulous wall or floor covering, ongreat piece of furniture, if space allows, a spectacular lighting fixture, a marvelous painting.

Since you need a minimum of furnishing for a foyer, plan to spend a little more on each purchase to make a very important statement.

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Living rooms: What magic decorating formula can account for the vitality and excitement of current living rooms? The answer is simple. There is no formula. On the contrary, the word is freedom.

There is an irreverence of decorating There is an irreverence of decorating rules of any kind that produce individual excitement. The elements are color, surpise, originality, extreme comfort. The drama of unexpected patterns, color schemes, objects, uninterrupted space and the new shape of upholstered pieces and ecclectic joining of many periods.

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Dining rooms: What was once hall sacroscant in dining room decor — the matched interior, has been bypassed by a look that's unquestionably personal, even pleasantly startling. Seemingly improbably combinations such as steel tables with glass joined by period chairs or wood finished furniture with brilliant painted designs come off with great success in today's dining room. You don't have to use one table, you can use two of them in the same space



surrounded by eight chairs. Put them together or use them apart for flexibility. Background treatments are very important, color schemes, wallcovering and accessories are keyed to this new convention free approach to din-

ing.

BEDROOMS: Whatever their style, current bedroom interiors are apectacularly high style. No inoger used as a nighttime retreat, today's boundor reflects the freedom of imagination particular their style of the style of th

Sitting rooms: Call it den, reading areas or library, for lack of a better term the sitting room best describes the small second living room that exists in many homes today. Professional designers give it a style of its own by planning the sitting room around a theme.

The theme may be a garden look with lots of greenery and plants, the sitting room may look like a summer room with patio type furnishing of wicker or rattan or iron. On the other hand, it may be a gallery room filled with objects d'art.

Eclectic mixtures work marvelously in these small interiors and pattern can

on the wais in value.

Often, more than one floor covering is employed in a single room an accent or area rug punctuates wood, vinyl or awall-to-wall carpeting for rugs themselves run a wide gamut of style, texture, pattern, fiber and size. Fur rugs have become an exceedingly popular decoration accent.

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# **Newly merged Girl Scout** council gets under way

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teers. meer affects scouts in Farm-ington, ¡Farmington Hills,' Southfield, Lathruj Village, Birmingham, Bloom-field Hills, Troy and a portion of West Bloomfield Township. The council now serves 30,000 girls and 9,000 adults. It is the fifth largest

council in the nation and includes 61 communities.

The consolidation was based on a 1977 United Community Services study. It's purpose is to help the scouts to live in a multi-cultural, multi-racial world recognizing the interdependence of people and nations.

Mary Law, president of the new ouncil has outlined a six- point pro ram for Girl Scouts in the '80s.

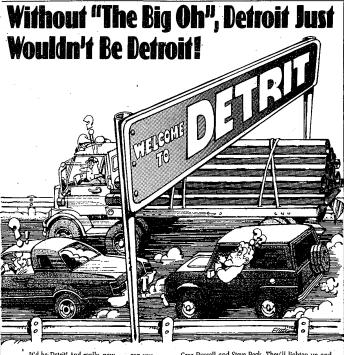
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