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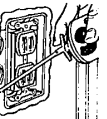
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Here are more tidbits on the world of decorating, better described as "a little of this and a little of that."

There never seems to be enough space these days. One way to gather more is to buy it, in other words, move to a bigger home.

But if that's impossible at this moment, there's another option you may not have considered.

If an extra room is all you need to make your home spacious and livable again, consider remodeling your garage. It's the quickest and easiest way to get extra living space.

A two-car garage can be converted into a gracious living-family room. In your new living room (former garage), you probably can acquire a high beamed ceiling and add a glass door wall that will work together to create a feeling of spaciousness.

A prefabricated fireplace with a slightly raised hearth can serve as a focal point. Concealed space can be left behind the entry doors for storage and convenient workshop.

Add a tile floor, or carpeting, built-in shelves and cabinets, lighting and presto — you have a comfortable room ready for furniture. The use of paneling or wallcovering will give this extra room the warmth of any room within the home.

If parking cars is a concern, a carport can be built in front of the old garage.

FLOORS: Just about anything goes



design

Gloria Cohen

In floor decoration these days — as long as it goes with the room. Vinyl tile is turning up in the living room, carpeting moves into the kitchen. An accent or area rug punctuates wood, vinyl or wall-to-wall carpeting. Rugs themselves run a gamut of style, texture, pattern, fiber and size. A high-key personality of a boldly patterned area rug can pull a room together tying the eclectic mix of furnishings, and setting a dazzling focal point.

Borrow an idea from the professional. Let the floor go up the walls. A marble textured vinyl tile can march up a wall beautifully. If you have or wish to add banquettes for extra seating, cover them with the same, plus carpet you use on the floor.

WINDOWS: Every room needs a window — not just to let in light and air but to provide a major decorative architectural accent. If skillfully handled, a window can accomplish all these purposes and then some.

Wallcovering and drapery fabric can match, separated by a fabulous cornice covered with a coordinating fabric.

Window shades can be trimmed with fabric to match.

A valance covered with wallpaper to match walls is another way of treating a window.

If you live in a high-rise, you may prefer not to obstruct the view. The use of mesh screens that slide on tracks are a way of decorating the windows yet giving you a clear view.

CEILINGS: These are making news this year and you should keep your eye on them. Don't overlook this sixth wall of the room when planning background decorating. Use paper, paint, beams, or fabric to give the ceiling visual impact.

Of course, mirror is the dynamite way to decorate a ceiling, but if you want to keep the budget intact, the other ways mentioned are also impressive.

Use a chevron wallpaper, canopy style to ceiling and upper walls. A box apartment room gains architectural

character from this effect.
What about a graphic on the ceiling — now there's an idea.

Support group for divorced begins at OCC

For those who are recently separated, in the process of a divorce, or trying to decide what to do about their marriage, a divorce support group for women will be sponsored by Women-center, Oakland Community College, Orchard Ridge Campus.

A series of weekly meetings will begin at 8 p.m. Monday, Nov. 10, Women-center, J Building, Room 308. Women will be encouraged to share their feelings with others in similar situations. There is no charge.

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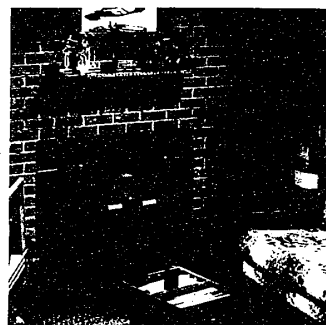
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