



## Change your accent

Rotating accessories is one way to give your rooms a fresh, new look without going into expensive redecorating. Store some of your treasures on a high shelf all around the room and from time to time, give a new one a place in the sun. Furnishings pictured are from Montgomery Ward.

## Ask questions before you buy

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- Armchairs that fit under the rim of the dining table you've chosen.
  - Extension leaves that fit properly and match in grain and finish.
  - Hang tags that identify the composition or construction of exposed surfaces.
  - Care information.
- Furniture made with solid wood tops, front and end panels, is made only the highest grade lumber, mainly hardwoods. The woods must be free of knots and sap pockets. It then must be carefully glued together in three or four inch wide strips; otherwise splitting and warping will occur.
- Veneered furniture is sturdy, durable, and beautifully displays wood grains and pattern. The veneering process involves using thin layers of decorative woods bonded to the top and bottom of "ply" construction. Ply construction increases the strength of the panel and improves its resistance to swelling, warping and cracking.

Because it resists warping, veneered construction is especially desirable on large flat surfaces such as dining room tables.

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