

New Look In Bathroom

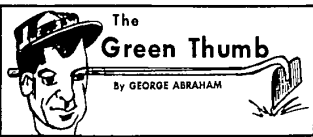
Now that wall-to-wall carpeting has moved into the bathroom, a new elegance is demanded of that former functionary.

To counter the coldness of porcelain fixtures, try introducing a few warm touches of wood.

A new ceiling of translucent panels set in a wooden frame work is easy to construct and install. It's also easy on the pocketbook.

One-by-two-inch slats of hemlock, fir or cedar can be used to make a frame of two-foot squares or larger. This can be suspended on wires from screw hooks anchored firmly in the existing ceiling.

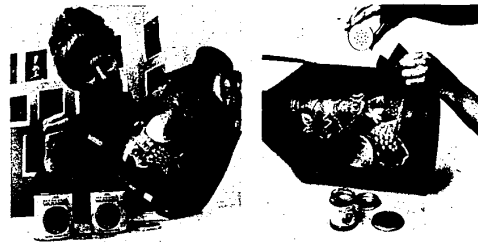
Pre-cut translucent panels can be slipped in to rest on the framework.



One of the best annuals you can grow in a spot where soil is a problem is the portulaca. It succeeds in a hard dry soil where nothing else will thrive.

Some home gardeners like to start the plants indoors, but my suggestion would be to wait until warm weather and sow seed directly outdoors.

If you must sow portulaca



A NEW BRUSH-ON decoupage sealer and varnish, and a polishing powder and oil which add on heirloom patina to decoupage objects, have been developed.

New Sealer Speeds Art Of Decoupage

A new brush-on sealer and varnish which achieve long-lasting, hand-crafted finishes in the 17th century art of decoupage, and a polishing powder and oil which add an heirloom patina to the decoupage object, have been formulated.

Decoupage is the historic art of decorating a surface with paper cutouts and adding sufficient coats of varnish to make the picture appear to be part of the original surface.

Designed as a tarnish-preventing seal for metallic paints and for the sealing of decoupage prints, the brush-on sealer is also safe to use on any dry painted or stained object because it will not attack or lift the surface.

WATER-WHITE in color, the new fast-dry sealer will not yellow upon aging. A second coat of the semi-gloss sealer can be added after only a one-hour dry time, and the finish can be sanded after two hours of drying.

The durable decoupage sealer also can be used in other crafts requiring a sealer for metallic paints, or for photos, prints or pictures.

The new brush-on decoupage varnish adds an almost clear film with great depth of gloss to painted or stained wood and metal surfaces. Light honey in color, the polyurethane-based

varnish adds a warm, mellow tone to decoupage prints without affecting the underlying colors as do many ordinary varnishes which have a darker amber color.

Because it has a high content of solids, fewer coatings of the new varnish—15 or 20 as opposed to 25 or 30—are needed to gain the depth of coating desired in traditional decoupage.

Produced in both clear high-gloss and transparent semi-gloss finishes, the new varnish provides good adhesion between coats of both finishes, eliminating an adhesion problem which often occurs with many ordinary varnishes now in use.

THE NEW COATING can be used in crafts other than decoupage, including tile, antique and collage, and will act as a tough top coat for stained furniture.

In decoupage, the new high-gloss varnish should be permitted to dry approximately four hours between coatings, and the semi-gloss for six hours. Before sanding the decoupage surface to remove air bubbles and dust, it is recommended that the varnish dry for 24 hours.

Decoupage polishing powder and oil are designed to give the hand-crafted objects an age-old heirloom patina.

Packaged in an easy-to-use shaker, the polishing powder can be directly applied on the craft object and rubbed gently with a piece of felt, which has been dipped in polishing oil. Or, if desired, the powder and oil may be mixed together to form a paste which is rubbed lightly over the project.

Piano Care Pays Off

Use it, but don't abuse it, and a piano will give your family a lifetime of good service, advise experts of the Story & Clark Piano Company, Lincolnwood, Ill.

To keep a new piano looking and sounding its best for years to come, the manufacturer offers these suggestions:

- Locate it away from direct sunlight, open windows, heat outlets, or a fireplace that's used. Too much heat or cold is likely to damage the fine furniture finish of the case and, after a time, cause cracking of joints and changes in string tension.
- Try to keep humidity in the room at a fairly constant level. Excessive dampness and dryness are equally hard on pianos.

Humidity isn't the problem it once was, however, since the development of the laminated mahogany sounding board. Story & Clark guarantees this type of sounding board for 50 years against cracking or splitting.

Dust the piano regularly and use a good brand of furniture polish on the wood case.

Clean keys occasionally with a clean, damp cloth. For stubborn spots, use a mild soap but never solvents or other cleaning compounds.

Never try to clean inside the piano or oil any of the parts. Leave this to an expert tuner-technician.

Never place moth balls or insect repellants inside your piano.

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