

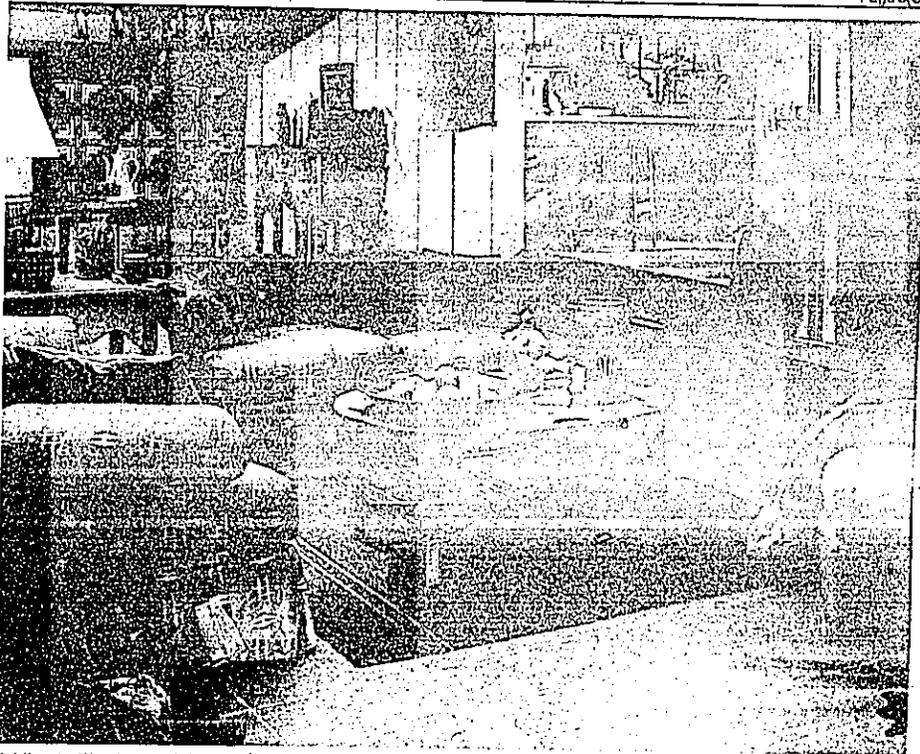
Crafts make it homey

Every year, it seems, crafts become more popular — possibly as a relief from our increasingly mechanized, computerized, systematized society in which the human element sometimes tends to get lost.

For example, take the "great room" (combination family room-dining area-kitchen) created by the interior designers at one large home furnishings company. To humanize this wide-open space, they not only filled it with comfortable furnishings in warm colors, but they accessorized it liberally with many kinds of crafted objects d'art.

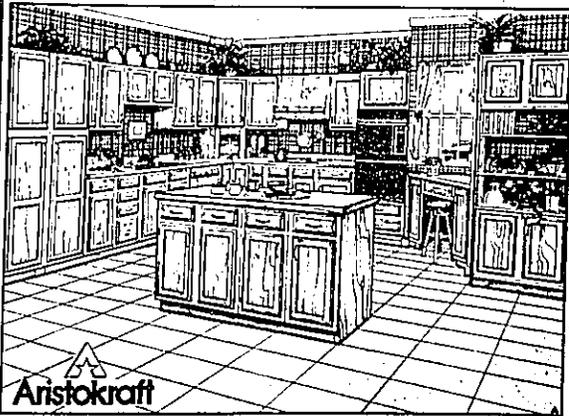
The room's color scheme is a cozy butterscotch set off by touches of navy blue.

The crafts are what make the room, including a table lamp with woven wicker base; a wooden chandelier with gracefully curved wrought-iron arms and a butterscotch, navy and cobalt blue quilt, both in the dining area; a Shaker wall clock; Shaker hurricane lamps with heavy iron wall fastenings, flanking the fireplace; and a stoneware bowl and American Indian earthenware candle holders on the coffee table.



Adding to the charm of this house are handmade articles of wicker, iron, wood and clay.

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