

Save space with a pocket door

Are you thinking of adding on or remodeling your present home? The high cost of new housing has prompted many families to think of upgrading or renovating their present residence — adding rooms, modernizing bathrooms and kitchens, enlarging family rooms, etc.

Making the best use of space is, of course, one of the major considerations whenever remodeling is undertaken. Smart homeowners look for every possible way to squeeze more usable space out of every square foot.

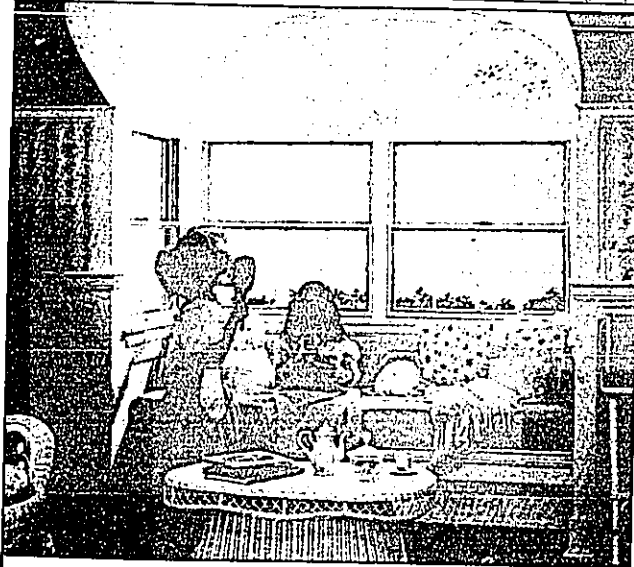
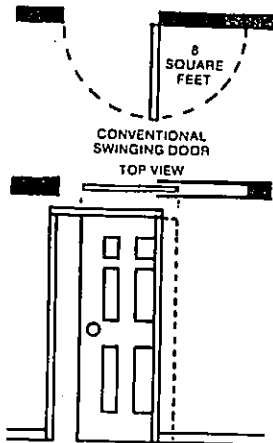
Pocket doors can help you do just that!

Pocket doors are so named because they do not swing on hinges, but slide completely hidden from view into a wall (pocket) when not in use. Conventional doors can take up to 8 square feet of floor space for "swinging" room. Pocket doors on the other hand, allow the floor to be used right up to the door opening.

The average handyman should be able to install pocket doors using common tools. You must plan ahead for their use, however, as the framing must be in place before drywall or paneling is installed. Pocket door frames come in all popular sizes and

many of them are universal (marked for cutting to fit your needs).

Before installing the door into the frame, make absolutely certain that you seal the door, especially around the edges to prevent absorption of moisture and possible warping. Check with your local paint/building supply dealer for materials and correct procedures.



The magical window nook



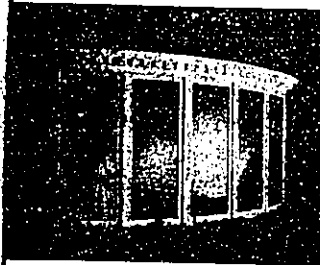
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