

Creative Living



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designing ways
Eve Garvin

A flowing color scheme works best

A LETTER from a reader: Because of major purchases, such as a rust-colored couch and a home with a brick fireplace, I feel stuck with earth tones. To update the look, I have played up peach and blue accent colors with some success. My question: Can I switch color schemes to pink, rose mauve combinations in rooms not part of the downstairs flow? I'm thinking of the downstairs powder room and the upstairs bath (mainly) and master bedroom with tan carpet. What do you suggest?

A. I like to see a color scheme in a house that flows. Why not take your accent colors and use them. The pink and blue will work well with your tan carpet.

LOST AND FOUND: Decorative Interiors, a design studio known for carrying the unusual in accessories.

I admired the window display when they were on the Boardwalk on Orchard Lake Road. Then suddenly, it seems, they disappeared. Not so, however — they're alive and well and still carrying the same wonderful appointments — such things as fancy glass, Ve-Art pieces, wall hangings of silver and gold lame. Not only are these items on the floor, but upholstered pieces and case goods from major manufacturers of designer furniture as well.

The new location is the Southfield Tech Center, 21767 Melrose, Southfield.

IF YOU ARE UNHAPPY about the space your ironing board is occupying, I have discovered a perfect solution.

Farmington Kitchen Cabinets have a drop-in ironing board which can be set into the space of a kitchen drawer.

You will, of course, lose the drawer space, but think of never having to drag your out ironing board and regain the room it takes propped up against a wall in a closet. The installation, by the way, is simple and one you can do yourself.

organizing
Dorothy Lehmkuhl

Been running late? allow extra time

Q. I am frustrated because I am always running late. How can I be prompt more of the time?

A. Not only is it frustrating to you; what consistently late people may not realize is that their tardiness not only affects themselves negatively, it usually perturbs others even more. When you are late with assignments, the boss is upset; "grand entrances" at dinner annoy the hostess and leave guests with growling stomachs; being late for meetings or appointments wastes others' time, arriving late at church or a movie distracts others; etc. None of these actions seem very endearing.

Arising: some people "just can't get up" when the alarm goes off. "I've always been that way," they explain. Humbug! You can do whatever you decide to do. If you decide you can't get up, you can't. If you decide you can, you can. Most of those people simply do not want to face the day (perhaps with good reason. . .)

Unrealistic expectations: Maybe you really can't get everything done that you think you can. Try saying no more often.

Power: Even children learn a false sense of power by dragging their feet. No one is more powerful than the 3-year-old who has to potty just as the family is trying to get off to a movie. While most people don't do this consciously, some continue to practice the mismanagement of time into adulthood.

Attention-getting: All of the above scenarios definitely command attention: not positive or desirable — but attention just the same. Surely the mature individual would be better off with a more successful way of gaining attention.

Importance: Some purposely run late to impress others with how busy they are, equating "busyness" with success. What they do not understand is that successful people usually have things under control, while unsuccessful ones don't.

Timing tasks: One of my students timed how long it took to apply makeup and found it took exactly twice as long as she thought. "No wonder I'm always late," she exclaimed.

Always allow at least five or 10 minutes extra when preparing for anything. Then if you are early you can utilize that time by doing one extra thing you wished you had time for, relaxing with the newspaper or driving slower with less tension. Try it; you'll like it.



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Classic look

New Village Green is more traditional

DESIGNER DECORATED model residences now are open for private preview at the Village Green of Franklin, the luxury community of 216 garden apartments currently nearing completion at the corner of Franklin and 11 Mile roads in Southfield.

Set on 14 gently sloping acres dotted with mature trees, the Village Green on Franklin's classic architecture blends white brick and siding with green shingle roofs and trim in two- and three-story traditionally-styled buildings. A selection of eight one- and two-bedroom apartment floor plans offers interiors designed with a wide choice of features.

The apartments include such amenities as: cathedral ceilings, wood-burning fireplaces, custom-style kitchens with pantries, microwave ovens, oversized windows, window seats, decorator window treatments throughout, individual intrusion alarms, large private balconies or patios, choice of two decorator color schemes, walk-in closets, individually controlled heating and air conditioning, washer-dryer connections (washer-dryers optional), private first-floor town-house style entrances, energy efficient and sound conditioned construction.

ALSO NEARING COMPLETION is the private Village Green on Franklin clubhouse. Residents will be able to take advantage of the 3,500-square-foot facility boasting a two-story great room with fireplace, an elegant entrance foyer and a dramatic spiral staircase, loft area and outdoor balcony.

Also offered in the clubhouse will be a gourmet kitchen, large screen television, billiards, men's and women's locker rooms with showers, social sauna, full-circuit weight room and aerobic studio.

The exterior amenities will include a swimming pool accented by a cascading waterfall, gazebo, multilevel trellised sun decks, all-season heated whirlpool-hot tub and sand volleyball court.

A brick-paved boulevard entrance with a canopy security entry system welcomes guests and residents. A blend of naturally wooded and extensively landscaped terrain provides an ideal setting for the reflecting pond's picturesque fountain, jogging, tennis court and children's tot-

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lot. Adjacent to the Village Green on Franklin is the city of Southfield's Optimist Park with five acres of recreational facilities, including baseball diamonds.

Developer is the third-generation real estate development firm of Holtzman and Silverman, headquartered in Farmington Hills. The Village Green on Franklin is a sister development to the 434-apartment community, the Village Green of Southfield, completed in the summer of 1987, on 12 Mile Road between Telegraph and Northwestern roads.

Overwhelming success of that community prompted the firm to introduce the more intimately-scaled, classically designed Village Green on Franklin, according to a company spokesman.

The success could be repeated. In the short time of its availability, the Village Green on Franklin has enjoyed highly favorable public response from the beginning of preleasing activity in mid-September 1987, according to a Holtzman-Silverman spokesman. With preleasing exceeding projections, the community will be more than 50 percent preleased upon first resident occupancy at the end of this month. In the coming months, leasing is expected to continue at a brisk pace. The apartments should be fully leased when construction finishes in May of this year, a spokesman added.

Leasing hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday. Private appointments may be arranged by calling Bari Berkowitz at 746-0020.



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