

flexible

It's part of the open-planned home. Walls are coming down between dining rooms, kitchens and family rooms. Larger spaces provide more options. But even small rooms, such as seldom-use spare bedrooms, can become multifunctional.

will serve you better than a heavy coffee table. When you have a guest and pull out the bed, these tables can be easily stacked and moved aside.

USE A LIGHT COLOR scheme with bright punches of color in accessories. The furniture in the room should be in a similar light fabric so it "disappears" against the walls. Mini-blinds are more space-saving than curtains.

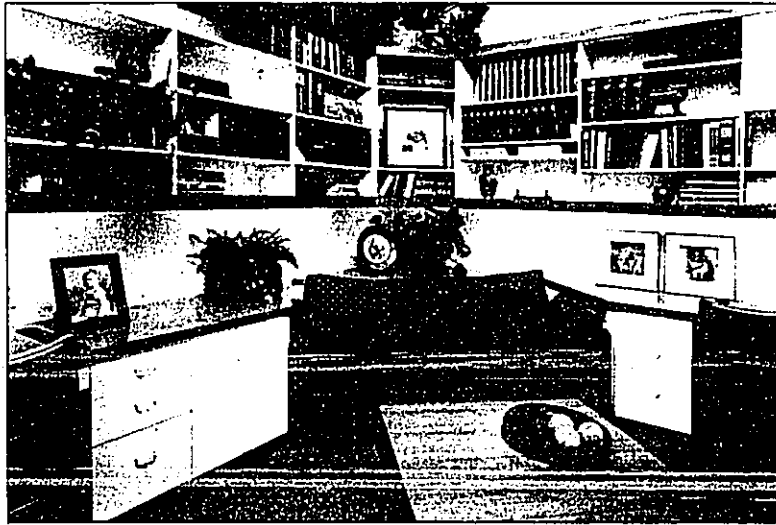
tains.

Do you have a post-college child at home in your small spare room? Fix it up as an office/bedroom that you can use as a den or guest room when he leaves.

You'll need storage, a desk, seating and a place to sleep. See how many ways you can combine these functions in a minimum of floor space.

For example, a desk can double as a headboard for a bed that by day is a

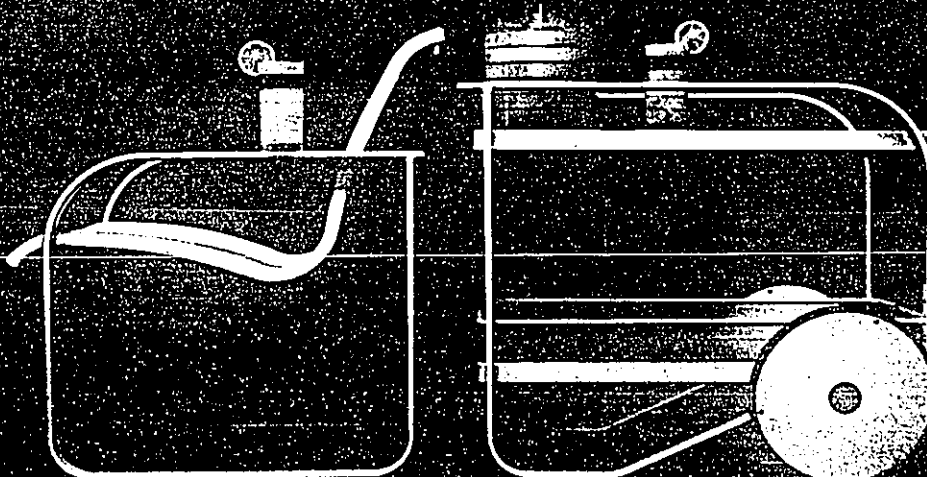
sofa. A built-in can store books, clothing and TV; its countertop can be used as a work surface and for serving refreshments. Omit the need for bulky, space-stealing lights with recessed ceiling lighting.



Combine a guest room for his 'n' her work spaces for the new look in family rooms. The criteria is lifestyle: who is going to be using the room and what is going to happen there.

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