If moisture is a problem, choose a product that is labeled "masonry waterproofer." Ready-mixed varieties do the best job and solvent-based products outperform latex formulations.

chance of good adhesion.

Ordinarily, latex or oil-based wall paints can be used on masonry walls where moisture is not a problem and is not likely to be in the future. Masonry floors and patios require special care and special products. Often, masonry floors suffer from a dusting condition. Paint will not adhere properly because the floor will continue to dust, taking the paint with it.

First you must cure the dusting problem. In extreme cases, the floor should first be etched. Then, the application of a solvent-based clear masonry sealer will eliminate the dusting problem, giving you a sound surface for paint.

Floors must also endure foot traffic and repeated washings, so use a prod-uct specially formulated for use on ma-

sonry floors. There is a latex concrete floor paint which works equally well outside (on paties) or inside (on basement or garage floors).

BARAKO SAYS THAT there are masonry areas around most homes that could benefit from proper application of the right product. These in-clude walls and floors in basements and garages, exposed foundations, retaining walls, patios, painted brick walls, cisterns and swimming pools.

Most homeowners have less experience painting masonry surfaces than wood or plaster. There are publications with more information about painting with more information about painting masonry. One of them, "How to Waterproof Masonry Walls" is available free by writing UGL, Dept. N10, P.0. Box 70, Scranton, Pa. 18501.



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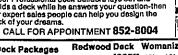
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