

Transparent Mirrors Provide Unusual Benefits As Dividers

Transparent mirrors, identical to those used in schools, hospitals, police stations, and the like, also can be used to create unprecedented design schemes within the home.

Mirrorpane transparent mirrors function as a window from one side of the glass, and as a mirror from the other. These two capabilities, used in a residential setting, can bring homeowners unusual benefits.

Used as part of interior partitioning or as a room divider, Mirrorpane can be an artistic, functional, and versatile addition to nearly all design themes. Functioning as a mirror, the reflective qualities of the glass provide beauty in itself, while also magnifying the feeling of light and space within the room. Acting as a window, the glass visually unites areas on both sides of it for a greater sense of overall spaciousness.

HOMEOWNERS have the option to use Mirrorpane as either a mirror or a window. To do this the homeowner can simply change the illumination level in the room or rooms where the glass is located. One side of Mirrorpane can be made to look like a mirror, changed to work like a window, then switched back again.

According to designers for Libbey-Owens-Ford Glass Company, the key to Mirrorpane usage is the interior illumination. The room in which the glass is to function as a mirror should be brightly lit with much dimmer illumination on the opposite side. For a person to see the glass as a transparent panel, the room in which he is standing should have the dim lighting, with higher illumination on the other side.

One of the most effective applications of this glass-and-illumination situation is to use the Mirrorpane as a divider between the living room and the dining room.

At night, when the dining area is in use and the living room is not lighted, the dining room gains an elegant mirror. When the dinner party moves in to the living room for conversation and relaxation, and

the dining area is darkened, the living room benefits from the mirror's beauty.

In certain design situations, these transparent mirrors can take on some of the qualities of both a mirror and a window. Where there is not sufficient contrast in light levels, the glass becomes semi-transparent and semi-reflecting on both surfaces.

An example of this unusual design effect would be the Mirrorpane providing subdued reflections of outdoor views from a picture window opposite it, and at the same time, offering visual access to the room behind it.

Mirrorpane provides the homeowner with an unusual and interesting way to give the interior an artistic and tasteful appearance.

A Few Hours Now Pays Dividends Later

Get two birds with one stone by treating your early spring lawn care program as a chance to get outdoors for some fresh air and exercise.

A few hours with a lawn rake will provide the exercise and give your lawn a head start by removing accumulated dead plant materials.

According to turf grass specialists, dead grass, leaves, small twigs, etc., will stop fertilizers from doing their job. They can build up as thatch -- a layer of dead plant material between the grass blades and the soil surface, often leading to lawn diseases and poor turf health.

Once over with the rake in the early spring also helps your grass green up faster. You will have a better looking lawn and the turf will get a head start on weed seeds which will germinate later in the spring as temperatures rise.

A SESSION with the lawn roller can improve the physical fitness of yourself and your lawn. Not only will it develop strong shoulder, back and leg muscles, but it will ease lawn tasks throughout the rest of the year.

According to turf grass

experts, rolling irons out rough areas caused by freezing and thawing. This reduces the chances of scalping the high spots with your lawn mower.

For best results, roll early in the spring while the ground is still moist. Later rollings when the soil is dry won't level the lawn.

They also caution homeowners to avoid excessively heavy rollers on clay soils. A roller that weighs too much will compact heavy soil and hold back good lawn growth and turf health later in the summer.

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