

INTERIOR MOTIVES

Soundproofing is sound advice



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Creating your own theater is the *demier cri* (last word) for the approaching 21st century. With the wondrous new technology now at hand we must first be certain that we soundproof the room to be used.

When you visit a nearby theater you will note their walls are covered with a pile cloth, most likely velvet. For residential use this wouldn't be my recommendation. I visualize a porous fabric in a muted color. If the fabric is mounted on a padded board it will muffle all extraneous noise, a tremendous bonus. This can be handsomely accomplished in panels, almost like upholstery, giving the media room its own personality.

Wall-to-wall carpeting is essential. I would never suggest hardwood flooring with an area rug, because that wouldn't muffle sound. However, a patterned or colorful carpeting makes for a spectrum of great interest.

Windows in this room can be covered in several ways. Traverse lined draperies of the same fabric as the wall

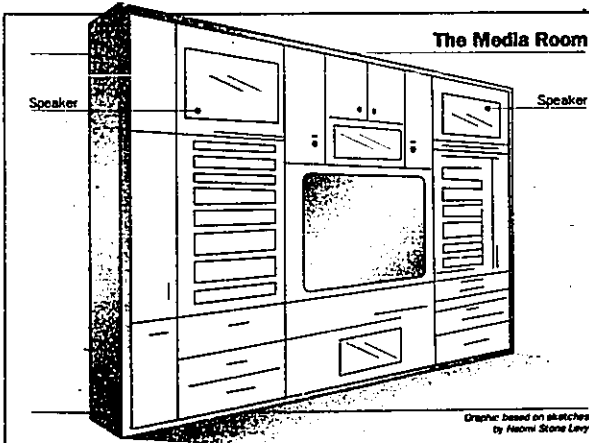
upholstery will create uninterrupted sound control. Shutters painted the same muted color as the wall fabric also will give a continuous look, and have the added advantage of allowing adjusted light when desired.

A large screen television set is the first essential to this media room. It would be expedient to arrange comfortable seating closely related to rows of chairs, but not rigid, if possible. Folding chairs can always be added as needed.

Video equipment is the next purchase. One configuration of an installation is shown in the illustration. It provides storage for CD's and discs, and other paraphernalia. Your own personal variation will be dictated by your equipment. A consultation with a capable technician is recommended.

The cost of the multiple parts obviously is varied, adjusted by the quality of the components. A devotee of symphonic music will be amenable to buying the best he or she can afford. "Surround sound" speakers will be vital to exceptional reception.

Have a wonderful time with your media room. It is going to afford you hours and hours of pleasure. Try not to overlook details that will plague you at a later date.



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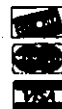


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