



THE CHARM AND WARMTH of Early American inlaid wood floors is recaptured in this wood parquet design called Stockbridge. The Armstrong Cork Company's design is available in five colors and fits any decor where wood floors are desirable.

Plank Paneling Is 1-Man Job

A home handyman can install beautiful paneled walls, for instance, by using handy 16"x8" plastic-surfaced planks which come in a variety of colors, patterns and woodgrains.

Robert Huff, home improvement director for Marlite paneling, reports that many handymen are establishing decorative, durable and easy-to-clean wall areas by simply following the instructions included in each carton of paneling.

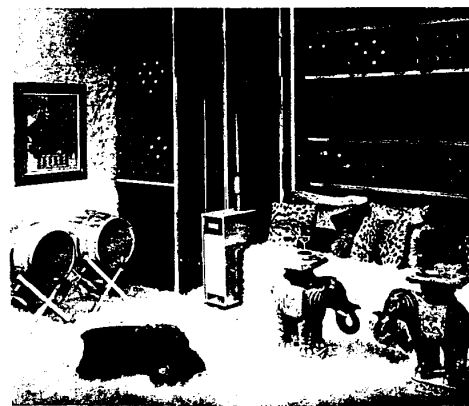
Planks have tongue-and-groove edges to simplify installation, he points out, and concealed metal clips to speed fitting and assure a neat joint. This prefinished paneling can be cut easily with a hand or power saw.

Adhesive is used to secure the paneling to existing walls

or any solid backing. Use a notched-edge spreader to apply the adhesive. The planks are placed on a wood starter strip just above the floorline, which serves as a level guide line during installation. This strip is removed when the base molding is installed after the planks have been applied to the wall.

HOME handymen find that a room can be finished quickly, Huff says, because the tongue edge of a plank fits into the exposed groove edge of the last plank already in place. The eight-foot length of the plank covers the full height of most walls.

While clips inside the joints serve to space the planks, the joint spacing is easily checked by means of a heavy cardboard gauge. This insures proper allowance of 1/16-inch minimum spacing, which is needed to permit expansion. Edges of planks are concealed in corners by means of moldings, which are finished to match the color or pattern on the planks.



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By **GEORGE ABRAHAM**

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About 78 trees are needed to absorb carbon dioxide (a waste product) and produce the oxygen needed to maintain the balance in the atmosphere for every single person in the U.S.

Some of these bacteria are good, some are bad. Most of them are beneficial. They reproduce simply by dividing in half every 20 minutes or so, when temperature, moisture and food conditions are just right.

If you took one bacterium and let it divide in half, and all its descendants did likewise every 20 minutes, for just a half a day, this single organism would be responsible for 70 billion bacteria.

Twenty trees are needed to offset the effect of a car driven 60 miles in one day. More than 100,000 trees are needed to cancel the atmospheric pollution of just one commercial jet traveling each day round trip between New York and Los Angeles.

We mention these statistics to show you why irises, fruits and some vegetables rot so fast.

ONIONS AGAIN: A reader writes: "Last fall we left our onions in the garden and I'm wondering if they will be good this spring?"

New York City, which should have 78 trees for each person, has only 1 1/4 tree per person! Israel, aware of the growing menace, has planted 100 million trees to reforest mountains which have been barren for 2,000 years. In one state alone, New Jersey in 1971, the population increased at the rate of 12 people per hour. And that state is losing 80 acres of open space each day!

Yes, they'll winter over and you should have some wonderful green onions, well ahead of your neighbors. We like to leave our onion sets in the ground during the winter so we can harvest them early in spring.

So let's make up our minds to plant more trees in 1972, and to keep the ones we now have in good health. Trees do not die from old age. They die from neglect.

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