



A WARM AND WOODY LIBRARY is every homeowner's dream. The desk set at right angles to the window, rather than up against the wall adds interest. Books and trophies reflect family hobbies as well as serving to "decorate" the book shelves.

another item 20 years ago and still loves it, it helps me to help them."

Mrs. Levy laughed as she recalled one decorating experience. When she met with the couple, the husband asked her if she had heard of the "drop dead" period. When Mrs. Levy said no, he explained that they wanted their home to be so outstanding "that people should be bowled over."

"I spent two months with the lady, and in all that time she didn't order a thing. They were building a very contemporary home, but had come from homes that were very ornate and traditional.

"It was a process of education. She became a good friend, and the home I think was a success from both our standpoints."

Mrs. Levy isn't one to condone what she calls "showroom" decorating. "Many times you are caught by a bright color or a vivid furnishing, she cautioned. "But being attracted by it and living with it are two separate things."

FOR COUPLES just starting out

-- usually in an apartment -- Mrs. Levy tries to get them to put the main part of their money into "the things that will move well. Instead of buying a long sofa for a small apartment, buy a love seat and chair. They can add the long sofa later when they move to a house."

She helps couples moving into an apartment or condominium from a large home to cull the best things they have. If they insist on a huge lounge chair that went well in their large family room but will take up the whole of the small den they will be moving into, it becomes difficult.

"There are plenty of interior designers who should not be allowed to call themselves that," Mrs. Levy readily admits. She hopes that one day, a decorator will be forced to have a license, but so far enough support has not been mobilized to accomplish this.

But Mrs. Levy is certain that a good decorator can help a housewife avoid costly mistakes that cost both money and the anguish which comes each time you enter the room where the mistake "lives."

Do Ask Husband's Advice On Decorating Decisions

Should hubby have a "say" in home decorating? Yes, say furniture designers.

Just as when he offers advice on the dresses you buy, he should have even more of a say in making decisions about the look of where he is going to live.

While some husbands profess not to be interested in the project of decorating, they are few and far between. Department and furniture store surveys show that men often ask the practical questions when purchasing, while women are inclined to buy what they like to look at.

Therefore, his preferences paired with hers are apt to end up with the best results.

While wives should listen to husbands, they should avoid discussing their decorating decisions with just anyone who has a willing ear. A friend can be helpful in choosing a costume since she can see from an



angle from which you cannot see yourself, but the opposite is true in viewing a room.

You can see the entire room, and it should reflect your personality and that of your family. If you are easily swayed by others, chances are you will wind up with a distilled version of what several unrelated people like.

So, have faith in your own judgment, and that of your mate's. After all, you picked one another!

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