



WHEN IS A FOREST, not a forest? When it is this-illusory black-and-white forest wallpaper which increases the room's floating, timeless look.

Wallpaper just isn't what it used to be! And that's good!

Some of the customers of Mona Stuebing of Pease Paint and Wallpaper Co. in Plymouth have horrible childhood memories of their mothers battling and straining in order to cover walls.

"But when they find out what's available in today's market they usually become more enthusiastic," said Mrs. Stuebing, who sells countless rolls of wallpaper to Observerlanders on the home improvement kick.

DO YOU RECALL comic strips of

Dagwood Bumstead gluing himself instead of the paper to his living room walls? Such nightmares shouldn't happen to you.

Today's pre-pasted wallpaper need only be immersed in water. Once wet it will stick to your walls immediately.

Many vinyl papers come with liquid paste that is applied first to the walls. The paper is applied afterwards. You can't poke holes in vinyl and you can apply it several times until you get it just right.

Strippable papers can be removed like a bandaid, eliminating forever the messy chores of steaming or scraping

Wallpapering Attracts Many Do-It-Yourselfers

The appearance of wallpaper has changed drastically, as well. Vinyls, which used to have a shiny look suitable only to certain rooms, are now made with a matt finish that can be put anywhere. The mod "wet" look is still popular for teen-agers' rooms.

METALLIC-LOOKING-FOILS are used widely in bathrooms, although they are popular in all rooms with a distinctly modern feeling.

Textured grasscloth keeps getting handsomer all the time and remains a classic favorite for people willing to pay over \$20 per roll.

Eye feeling vinyls for people on a budget are now made to look like grasscloth, cork, burlap and wood. These papers are popular for office and commercial use.

Patterns and colors are currently going wild. "The rule used to be to use a small print for a small room," Mrs. Stuebing recalled. "And save the big prints for larger areas."

That's not true any more. Bold, vivid and brilliant patterns are being used everywhere. "The conservative person is having a hard time finding designs to suit his tastes," she explained. "Many people are afraid of color and afraid to be bold."

Once persuaded to get with it, however, even the most conservative seem to live happily with the drama of today's wallpapers.

VERY FEW PEOPLE in Mrs. Stuebing's experience ever come running back in desperation, full of regrets at having chosen a pattern that is driving them mad.

"More people are using wallpaper today than ever before," commented Mrs. Stuebing, who attributes this trend to the increase in dry walls in modern homes.

If you're looking for ways to spruce up your house for spring, try some of the following tricks with wallpaper that are being done in other Observer area homes. They'll add warmth and character to your rooms as well as a unique mark of individuality.

- Paper a toy chest or a chest of drawers in a child's room.

- Cut out the flowers from an extra roll of wallpaper and apply them decoratively to doors and furniture.

- Paper the inside of a closet for a cheery feeling when you select your daily wardrobe in the morning.

- Include closet doors in your decorating scheme by covering them with paper panels. There's no rule that closet doors have to be drab and dull!

- Save yourself some laundry chores by applying paper borders around your kitchen windows and filling them in with shutters instead of curtains.

- Paper your bedroom ceiling. You'll have something pretty to look at while you are lying in bed.

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