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### PAINTING EASIER WITH NEW TOOLS AND TECHNIQUES

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As a result of continuous research and testing, brushing qualities of house paint have been improved to the point where you can paint as much surface with the same effort in two hours as you used to do in three.

Improved tools also help reduce the time and effort required for painting. For example, you don't have to get down on your hands and knees to paint a floor now-days. Thanks to a new long-handled paint roller, you can spread the paint while standing and paint the floor much faster. This long-handled roller is a great time and effort saver when you are painting ceilings, too.

New application tricks also make painting less disturbing to everyday family routine. By way of illustration, the following technique is suggested when painting stairs.

Paint alternate steps in each flight. Follow up by painting the other when the newly-painted ones are dry. That way the stairs can always be used, and nobody will be inconvenienced while the paint is drying.



## Homes and Gardening

### Plan Lighting To Suit Family Living Pattern

Lighting is an important need, time necessary in any home, large or small, new or old.

With today's new trends, it's more than just a means of seeing your way from one room to another.

New ideas in home lighting are as important to modern living as new miracle fabrics, labor-saving detergents or automatic appliances. While today's lighting is designed for beauty and comfort, naturally for purely practical purposes, good lighting must be functional. It helps you see to do your job quickly and safely with little strain as possible.

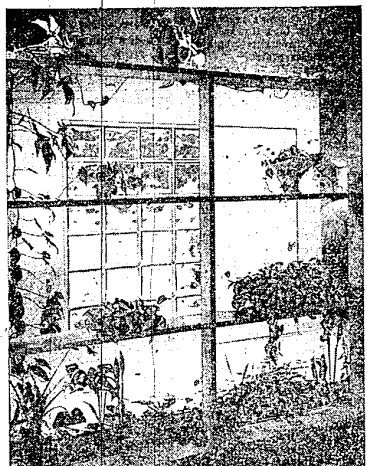
If you want to be sure you get all the benefits of good lighting, don't expect to second guess what you need and want after you buy or build. When selecting a new house, look for good lighting. Make sure to get the most for your money by planning your lighting to suit your own family's needs before you move in. Many builders are offering "pre-tested" light conditions in homes which assure a maximum of lighting beauty, comfort and safety in every style home in every price range. By following light-conditioning recipes developed by lighting laboratory builders know exactly what equipment to use and where to place it for best results.

Newest and most popular trend in modern home lighting is lighted valances. These long lines of fluorescent light concealed in decorative valances over windows along walls create a sense of brightness and a glowing atmosphere by night. This newest means of creating soft background lighting blends with all types of decorating. Women particularly enjoy the additional beauty lighted valances give to draperies or window hangings by bringing color and texture of fabrics and shades.

For older homes, you can buy the valances yourself in the home workshop. Use ready-wired channel strip and finish your valance face board to harmonize with your decorating.

Another idea which is fast becoming a must for homes with built-in planter-dividers is lighted sockets. With six sockets that turn, attached to ceiling beams, they direct light downward to give interesting highlights and shadow.

### Wood Frame Serves As Divider



A simple wood frame built over a planter provides an attractive divider between the entry hall and living room in this modern home. Climbing vines and potted plants on the shelves of the frame add a lovely decorative note to the entire arrangement. The entryway is generously daylighted by a handsome panel of glass block which contributes a touch of glamor to both the interior and exterior of the house.

### Nation's Architects Look West For Contemporary Design Ideas

America's desire for a more informal way of living and a more relaxed home life since 1940 has had a profound influence on the nation's home design, says George Whittier, western architect.

By the end of World War II, western architects throughout Oregon, Washington and California, were busy evolving a completely new home styling to fit into the easier, more informal living preferences of their clients, Mr. Whittier points out. This contemporary design soon caught the fancy of people all over the country who wanted to live more in the outdoors. Today the nation looks to the west coast as continuing new ideas in the contemporary theme are developed.

This is a unique situation, he observes, because for 300 years the design of the American home was influenced by the Colonial style developed in New England and in the several states of the deep South. The Colonial home was beautiful, but formal, and limited by materials then available. Examples of this limitation are the small window panes, because glass makers were not as far advanced in technical skill. Lack of central heating and good plumbing were other handicaps in the path of architectural progress.

Today's contemporary home is also beautiful, not bound by tradition, and informality is the keynote. It is designed with the woman in mind, for easy upkeep, so important in this servient age.

The warmth and texture of artfully-grained Douglas fir, the lovely, soft golden brown tones of western red cedar, and the natural beauty of west coast hemlock are exploited by the skilled architect to develop informality in the contemporary design and to capture as much of nature as possible both inside and outside the home. These natural woods blend with native stone and brick, each material complementing the other.

A point in common with all these homes is the easy access to the outdoors, bringing the beauty of the outdoors into the living room by means of large expanses of glass. The homes are made to blend into their surroundings, to take something from nature and to put man at ease with his environment.

"Eighteenth century French and Italian homes extended their architectural lines and construction materials to outdoor living areas as we are doing today," says Robert Hale Ellis, Jr., a western landscape architect.

"You can find the same character of design and materials in balcony balustrades, terraces and garden retaining walls as was used in these charming European interiors," Ellis points out, "and this marriage of house and grounds is the effect designers and landscape artists strive for in the contemporary residence."

Wood is extremely popular in modern home construction, Ellis states, and blends beautifully with almost any home site. Shrubs, climbing vines and plantings of almost any variety are embraced by Douglas fir or western red cedar fences and screen sections.

The living is easier in today's homes, for families are discovering the outdoors is an added living space. Here again, Ellis asserts, where maintenance must be kept at a minimum, sunbaths built for 2x4s, laid on their sides

### Lighting Tips for Homemakers

While you're giving your lighting fixtures a thorough cleaning, be sure to remove the bulbs from their sockets and clean them with a damp cloth. If bulbs are badly blackened inside they aren't doing an efficient lighting job, so why not put the old bulbs in attic, cellar or garage sockets, and use new ones in lamps used for reading, sewing or studying.

Go over tacky paper or parchment shades now. If the shades are in sound condition they can often be given a new lease on life by simply covering them with fabric, yarn or ready-pasted wall paper. Don't forget the inside which should be light-conditioned, too, for maximum lighting efficiency, say lighting specialists. Give yellowed shades a coat of flat white paint or reline them with white paper to improve their lighting value. Parchment shades which still present a good appearance may be cleaned with a bit of liquid wax on a damp cloth.

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