

## Paneling Expert Tells How To Prevent Errors

Here are some time-saving, paneling hints for the handyman from a home improvement expert.

The first point that Robert Huff, home improvement director for Marlite paneling, emphasizes is that the handyman should read all pertinent instructions before starting work. This will save time in the long run, as well as help prevent costly and frustrating mistakes.

One of the most popular handyman panels is Marlite's quarter-inch thick plastic-finished hardwood. This 16"x8" plank has tongue-and-groove edges to simplify fitting. Since it comes predecorated, no painting or finishing is required.

Huff gives these three guide lines:

1. Walls should be thoroughly dry before planks are applied.

2. If planks are to be used in a high humidity area, or where walls are not thoroughly dry, the backs of the planks should be wetted and stacked back-to-back on a flat surface 24 hours prior to using.

3. Always use adhesive for installation over solid backing. Concealed metal clips help space the planks.

4. Regular carpentry tools, usually only a hammer, saw and level, are all that are required for this paneling.

Before beginning the installation, lay out each wall so that the end panels are of equal width. This assures a balanced appearance, Huff says.

First nail a temporary 1"x2" level starter strip at the bottom of the wall. This will be removed later and replaced by the base molding. To locate the first vertical joint, mark a plumb line the required distance from the corner.

If necessary to cut the panel to fit the corner, trim off the tongue edge. Always begin installation with the groove edges of the plank toward the area to be covered. Cut the plank with the finished side up.

Apply adhesive to both the plank and wall space to be covered. Then place the plank in position and fasten the exposed groove edge with clips.

Adhesive is applied to each plank before the tongue edge is important to allow at least 1/16" inserted into the groove of the next plank that has been fastened to the wall. Press the planks firmly together, but do not force them. Continue this procedure along the balance of the wall.

Matching base, corner and cove moldings are available for use with Marlite plank.

Handymen looking for design ideas will find a variety of interesting room settings in a decorating guide prepared by Ving Smith, leading New York interior designer. To obtain a copy of this guide, send 25 cents to the Home Service Bureau, P. O. Box 250, Dover, Ohio, 44622.

Hours of outdoor play will mess up any youngster—and his or her clothes. That's why many families are installing a small mud room near the back door.

It's easy for the youngsters, even if they are toddlers, to take off their dirty clothes and clean up in the mud room. A small shaver is a "life saver" in the mud room.

To protect the area from muddy handprints and other hard wear, panel the walls with plastic-finished Marlite. Heat and moisture will not affect this paneling, which is washable.

Marlite is available at local lumber dealers in a wide variety of colors, woodgrains and patterns.

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## Use New Guide To Plan Room

Homeowners planning a home improvement project will find a Home Service Bureau, Marsh Wall Products, P.O. Box 250, Dover, Ohio, 44622.

This booklet includes ideas on how to improve the kitchen, bathroom, family room, bedroom, living room, and utility room.

To obtain a copy of this full-

## New Room Gives House Versatility

Many families can make a strong case for adding a room rather than buying a larger house, according to a home improvement expert.

Robert Huff, home improvement director for the manufacturer of Marlite paneling, points out that a room addition will cost less than a step up to a bigger house.

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It avoids a costly move that would take the family away from the neighborhood where the children have most of their friends.

Huff adds that most additions are family or utility rooms. Both of these rooms must be planned carefully, he adds, so that easy maintenance is assured.

Washable walls can be assured if a practical paneling, such as

plastic-finished Marlite plank, is used. This predecorated hard-board paneling is available at local lumber dealers in modern colors as well as high-fidelity woodgrains.

The planks have tongue-and-groove edges that simplify fitting. Concealed metal clips assure proper spacing and help secure the planks to solid backing or framing members.

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