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Storage Units Solve 'Inner Space' Needs

Lack of proper storage facilities is a common problem in this era of expanding families and growing leisure time. Happily, it's easily possible to correct this situation and gain increased storage space within the walls of your present home. Built-ins can be designed to yield greater and more flexible facilities for storage than most furniture occupying the same area. The next family round-table might be a good time to discuss and assess individual and collective storage needs, and then plan to meet these requirements.

A well-planned built-in not only solves storage and space problems, but can be a source of visual enjoyment. There are many types, shapes, and sizes of storage facilities, but all will include some of these basic components: shelves, cabinets, drawers and doors. Because everyone's storage needs are different, it is necessary first to plan the amount of space that is available for built-ins, then adapt the dimensions of these components to your own storage construction materials.

If you're an artistic family, you measure carefully, cut and assemble precisely. A wide variety of hinges may be used from those that are completely concealed to those that are completely visible. Which you choose is a matter of personal preference. Concealed or semi-concealed hinges do not mar the appearance of the door but require more care in fitting.

On the other hand, exposed hinges can be very decorative and can add to the appearance of the door. Properly attached, any hinge does a good job and helps set the built-in style, be it modern, traditional or early American.

If your house has no floor space that can be spared for built-ins, better use of existing closet space may be the answer. Orderly storage cabinets and closet built-ins can double or triple holding capacity.

To Disguise Dormer

A room that has distracting jigs and jags in its structural layout can be made to look well-proportioned with the right kind of wallpaper. Take, for instance, a dormer. You can give it uniformly with small patterns or all over floral patterns.

Keep away from anything that has a big figure in a widely separated repeat. It will be difficult to hang and will add to the chopped up look of the room.

How to Plan for Planting

Primary points for good landscaping include excellence of design, according to the American Association of Nurserymen. A well-designed planting takes advantage of the topography of the site to create a beautiful picture from any vantage point — on the street side, in the rear yard, on the terrace, or looking at the side borders of the property. It capitalizes on good views and screens off unsightly vistas. It ties the house to the ground in such a way that it delights the eye, as living plants, sun, earth and sky and house become part of one composition.

Adequate shade should be provided at the time of day you want it and exactly where you want it. Flowers and foliage, roses and perennials are placed for enjoyment in just looking, or so the blooms can be cut to brighten up the indoors.

Proper landscaping today takes into consideration garden or outdoor living that has become increasingly popular in the past few years. The garden living area is planned with both outdoor entertainment and recreational features. Privacy of course is necessary, and this can be provided either by hedges or informal groupings of plants.

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Adequate insulation is one of the soundest investments a family can make in a house. It pays off in generous dividends — in lower heating and cooling costs, as well as in added comfort for the life of the house.

Just how much a family will save on cooling and heating bills will vary, but it's not unusual to save 30 per cent after boosting insulation to meet recommended standards.

Insulating materials are made of mineral wool, rock, glass or slag, paper pulp, gypsum, asbestos, cork, aluminum, foams, vermiculite, cotton and other vegetable and mineral matter.

Follow Insulating Guides

The Federal Housing Administration has established minimum insulation standards for both heating and air conditioning. A good guide for families planning to build their homes with mineral wool is the recommendations of the National Mineral Wool Institute.

These call for mineral wool with an installed resistance to heat flow of R-19 or 24 in ceilings, R-11 in walls and R-13 in floors over unheated space.

The "R" number represents the rated ability of installed insulation to block the flow of heat. The higher the "R" number, the more effective the insulation.

A batt and a blanket of insulating material are essentially the same, differing only in length. A blanket is sold in rolls up to 100 feet long, while batts are usually made up in either four or eight-foot lengths. Both are available in widths to fit standard spacings between wall studs and ceiling joists.

Most batts and blankets have an attached vapor barrier on one side. Many are totally enclosed, with a vapor barrier on one side and a vapor-permeable material on the other. They are also available with a backing of aluminum foil designed to reflect radiated heat. In existing homes, where wall studs are not accessible, a form of mineral wool called "blowing" wool is used. This is especially made to be blown through a pneumatic hose into the spaces between wall studs.

Fouring insulating material is packaged in bags and is most often used to insulate ceilings where joists are exposed in the attic.

Installing insulation in a new room addition or as part of an attic remodeling job can be tackled successfully by the average do-it-yourselfer. The only tools required are a sharp knife and a heavy-duty staple gun, which usually can be rented.

Going Up!

In home improvement activity, the trend is up and up!

Last year, Mr. and Mrs. Home Owner spent more than 11 million dollars on home improvements — nearly \$70 for every \$100 spent on new construction.

These figures, based on reports of the U. S. Department of Commerce, represent quite a change from the ratio of only a decade ago, when \$10 was spent for improvements to every \$100 on new construction.

To Keep In Mind

Here are a few points to keep in mind:

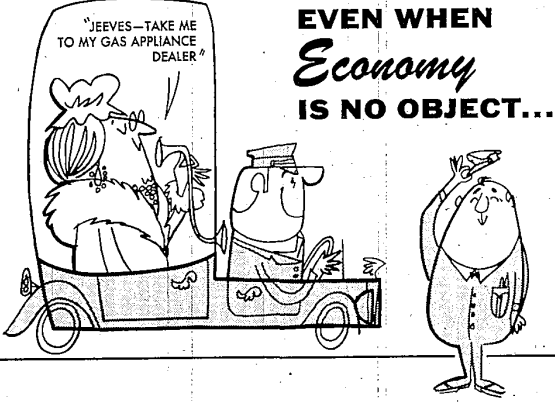
1. Always follow the individual manufacturer's directions carefully.
2. When using batts or blankets, make sure the vapor barrier faces the heated side of the room.
3. Butt insulation together tightly. There should be no gaps to permit loss of heat.
4. Don't cover eaves, vents or attic louvers. Air circulation is important, year round.
5. Place staples no more than six inches apart.
6. Pack insulation into small spaces around window and door framing. Cut a separate piece of vapor barrier to cover these areas to form unbroken protection.
7. To protect water pipes from freezing, fit insulation between them and outside wall sheathing. A separate piece of vapor barrier should be applied on the room side of pipes.

TIGHT FIT

Prevent screws and bolts from working loose on items which get hard wear by loosening and dabbing a few drops of shellac or lacquer on threads. Tighten while coating is still tacky.

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