

Know The Do's and Don'ts Or Don't Do-It-Yourself

DON'T use flammable, quick-drying lacquers near heaters or pilot lights of gas stoves.

DO repair corroded gutters with glass fiber cloth soaked in resin.

DON'T use a small brush for a big surface. For big, flat areas use a brush at least 4 inches wide.

DO precondition a new brush by suspending it in linseed oil for 12 to 24 hours. It will hold more paint. Squeeze out oil and dip into turpentine to remove excess.

DON'T try to paint into tricky corners with a roller. Do the fancy stuff with a brush.

DO use an old nylon stocking for straining lumps out of paint.

DON'T dip your paintbrush all the way into can. Halfway is right. Otherwise the paint will run into heel of brush, and it will be difficult to clean out.

DON'T paint the outside of your house if it's too cold or too hot. Between 50 degrees and 90 degrees is okay. In summer, paint in the shade.

DO paint over wallpaper (if it isn't too loose) with alkyl or latex paint. Use two coats to hide the design.

DO pour thinners or turpentine with the spout at the top of the rectangular can. Pouring with the spout on the low end causes dribbling.

DON'T remove asphalt tile laid over cement if you want to clean a lot.

For Safe Play

Does your neighborhood need more play space for children? In many communities Spring Clean-Up work on vacant lots can provide additional play space, says the American Insurance Association.

If you live in a neighborhood which has a vacant lot, get a group of the men on the block together some Saturday morning, and within an hour you can clear the lot of fallen branches, weeds, rubbish and other debris.

There's a safety advantage too, in cleaning a lot for play space, because children are safer playing stick ball there than in the street where cars are continually passing by.

Of course, you will obtain permission of the owner to clear and use the lot — such permission is usually quickly granted.

to install oak parquet flooring. Just cement the wood squares over the old tile.

DON'T scrub hardwood floors with soap and water. Water may raise grain or warp or stain the wood.

DO ground power tools before using them. If the tool "shorts," the electricity will pass through the grounded tool instead of you.

DO clean the soot out of your chimney once a year. Burning flashlight cells or rock salt in your fireplace now will help check soot formation.

DON'T use low-grade lumber if you intend finishing it natural. Buy No. 1 or No. 2 clear. (No. 2 common is okay if you plan to cover with paint.)

DON'T try to patch masonry dry. Wet it down well before filling cracks with cement.

DO remove rust stains from cement patios or walks. Use scrub brush with lemon juice and salt on rust spots.

DO rub protective cream into your hands and arms before you start painting. Makes it easier to wash the paint off your skin afterwards.

DON'T recalc the outside of your house over the old caulking. Scrape out the old dried-out stuff first.

DO paint seats and backs of metal porch chairs white. Then you won't get a hot seat next time and sit down in your swim suit. White reflects heat away.

DON'T scurrow down on your hands and knees to paint a floor. Get yourself a long-handled paint roller and spread the paint on from a dignified standing position.

DON'T make the family wait for the stairs you've just painted to dry. Paint every other step and they can go up two steps at a time. After the first steps dry, paint the others.

DO paint your house white if you want it to look bigger. The darker the color, the smaller your house will look.

DON'T paint unfortunate architectural features like radiators to contrast with the background. It only emphasizes them.

DO use light colors in a small room to make it look bigger.

DO paint dirty acoustic tile ceilings. Use a flat latex paint, thinned down.

Home Safety Takes Only A Little Effort

Help keep your home accident-free by teaching children home safety habits. Not only are children subject to home accidents, but children's carelessness is a major hazard to other members of the family. Here are a few safety habits for children:

1. Teach children to walk, never run in the house. Insist that children keep shoes on. Stocking feet offer no resistance to slippery floors.

2. Provide mats outside the front and back doors and teach children to wipe their feet before entering the house. Snow, mud or sticky substances tracked through the house create dangerous areas.

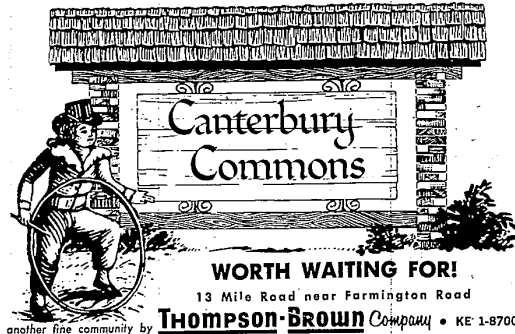
3. Children's toys left carelessly on the floor are a danger to every member of the family. Insist that toys be picked up and put away immediately after play. You'll make it easier to teach your child to put things away if you provide not just one, but several toy boxes in various parts of the house.

4. When children spill things, train them to wipe up grease, spilled milk or water, fruit peelings immediately.

5. If a child breaks any glass object, train him to tell you about it immediately and not to touch it himself. Picking up jagged pieces of glass is a job for adults only and which requires extreme care. Use several thicknesses of toweling, even when picking up the larger pieces. For the tiny splin-

gers, dampen a paper towel, place over the glass splinters, and use a pad of dry toweling to protect your fingers.

IN CASE OF FIRE
At home—
Quickly get everybody out of the house.
Call the fire department immediately.
(Be sure everyone in your family knows how to call the fire department.)
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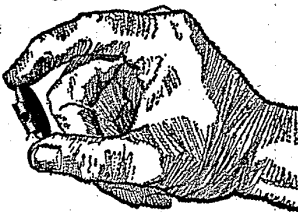
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