

Awning Windows Make A Porch for All Seasons

Selecting the right windows for the right job is half the battle in good porch design. A thoughtfully designed porch—with versatile windows that provide maximum ventilation—lets a homeowner adapt quickly to the weather changes that can disrupt life on the porch.

Many homeowners have discovered an awning window of penderosa pine is ideal for an enclosed porch. The window, which is available in stock sizes, is exceptionally easy to open and close, provides maximum ventilation, keeps out rain and assures year-round comfort.

Unlike many window types, awning windows provide 100 percent ventilation. They can be opened and closed quickly in series simply by turning a rotor handle.

Awning windows were the perfect solution for Mr. and Mrs. Dale Hawkins, who built a porch and patio addition to their New Jersey home overlooking a naturally wooded lot. Mr. and Mrs. Hawkins, who had given up their home at the

seashore, greatly missed having their own porch. When they decided to build a porch on their house, they wanted one that could be used as an extra room all year.

The porch was added by breaking through a dining room wall that formerly contained a window. Awning window units were installed in all three exterior walls of the porch. The walls were paneled with wood.

Penderosa pine was selected for the windows because the wood is a natural insulating material and provides maximum comfort in winter, when the porch is heated.

A patio leading off the porch, completes the outdoor living project. Patio furniture, a vintage park bench and appropriate landscaping supplied the finishing touches.

Now Mr. and Mrs. Hawkins have a porch that doubles as a family room, or as a sitting room when guests drop in. They can now enjoy their home more completely, both outdoors and indoors, and in all seasons.

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THIS PINT-SIZED PASTRY chef points with pride to her first culinary achievement, baked to perfection in an electric oven. Home economists suggest that mothers encourage youngsters to learn cooking as a practical, fun hobby.

Designers Woo Young Marrieds with Walnut

The growing young married market is being wooed with walnut groupings by some of the leading furniture manufacturers.

Of the 24 new walnut bedroom and living room collections shown at the Spring Southern furniture market, 6 were designed and priced for young marrieds. Two other manufacturers introduced walnut groupings for the same families at the Chicago winter furniture market.

The emphasis on young marrieds? Interest in the market is based on two national surveys. The Research Institute of America reports that 5 per cent of the heads of households today are under 25 years of age. In 15 years, the institute says, this number will be almost double.

The second study, by the Survey Research Center of the University of Michigan, indicates that more families plan to buy major household furniture or appliances in the next 12 months.

The names of the new walnut furniture groupings are indicative, too, of the manufacturers' targets. They are: "Young Family Collection" (Hale-Wild), "Contemporary Collection" (Richardson-Nemcoff), "New Idea" (Kroehler), "Forward Image" (S. T. A. Co.), "Young Ideas" and "Kroehler" (Hale-Wild), "Rhythm" (Lane), and "Marque Modern" (Kent-Coffey).

Young families create new and varied living patterns which designers say influence the home furnishings market. Studies reveal that many of their first home possessions are a blend of the new and old... bought, collected and inherited.

For this reason, young marrieds temper a natural taste for the contemporary with an appreciation for the traditional. New furniture groupings, therefore, play down the casual look of earlier casual collections. The elegant look, as exemplified by walnut with its natural beauty of wood grain and durability is being favored.

The new bedroom, living room and eating area groupings for young marrieds are carefully planned and executed for small apartments and expanding family requirements. One manufacturer, for example, shows a walnut collection in

which there are no "buffets, dressers or chests" per se. Instead the modular components are designed to fit any room and to serve a variety of purposes.

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Prefinished Oak Floors Now Used
An increasingly large volume of oak flooring nowadays is being used in remodeling, including room additions. The latter have become one of the most popular of home improvements, according to surveys.
Prefinished oak often is favored for these applications because the home owner wants to have the project completed as quickly as possible, with minimum fuss and bother.
The prefinished stock is completely treated in the mill, even to the final waxing and polishing.
Thus, four or five days, the time usually required for on-site finishing is saved.
In remodeling, an average size room can be refloored with gleaming new oak and put back in service the same day.
Strip style flooring can be nailed right over old wood. Block oak flooring can be laid in mastic over concrete and other surfaces.

Safety Hints For Summer

The back yard barbecue can become a nightmare, warns Gerald E. Montgomery, Executive Director of the Greater Detroit Safety Council, a chapter of the National Safety Council. Flammable liquid used to start the fire, is the number one trouble-maker, but there are other dangers. Fires, Montgomery says, have started from popovers left on or near grills, from hot coals that fell through holes in the grill to wooden porch flooring, and from coals dumped into cardboard cartons.
Another major danger comes from taking the grill indoors. "In closed areas the carbon monoxide gas produced by the burning charcoal can reach deadly proportions."
Montgomery offers the following tips for safe barbecuing:
• Never use gasoline, cigarette lighter fluid or other highly flammable liquids to start the fire.
• The safest starter is wood shavings or similar materials. There are also many liquids and chemically treated solid starters with high (safe) flash points.
• Never add liquid starter once the coals are burning or still warm.
• Don't keep more than one pint of liquid starter on the premises at one time.
• Keep small children and pets out of the area. They could burn themselves or push the grill over onto someone else.
• Wear clothing with no dangling shirt tails or skirts that could easily brush against the fire.
• Use good grill equipment, a long-handled spatula or fork or pair of long tongs for turning meat, getting potatoes from the coals and adding fuel just where you want it.
• You also will need a pair of heavy glove-type popovers and a water spraying device to keep down the flames.
• The best way to dispose of coals is to let them burn out in the grill. If this isn't feasible, they should be deposited in a metal container with a lid. Never bring them into the house or place them near combustible materials.

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Suggestions Listed For Care of Furniture
Too much wax or furniture polish can actually do more harm than good to fine furniture finishes.
This is one of the suggestions offered by the American Walnut Manufacturers' Association in caring for fine furniture. Others are:
• Authentic boiled oil finishes should be treated only with an occasional application of boiled linseed oil.
• Oil-type or low-lustre finishes can be washed once or twice a year, using a mild soap and water solution. Wipe with a damp cloth and buff dry with a good paste wax.
• Vigorous hand rubbing is recommended to assure that the thin coat of wax is highly polished. Heavy waxing is always to be avoided.
In cases of over-waxing not removable by soap and water, Donald H. Goff, executive director of the association, suggests this formula: To a quart of warm water, add 1 tablespoon of olive oil and 1 tablespoon of turpentine. Dip a soft cleaning cloth in the mixture, swirl it around and press out excess water. Rub down the furniture with this mixture until excess wax is removed and the original finish is restored to the wood. Follow with a thin coat of paste wax.
This information is from a booklet which may be obtained free from the American Walnut Manufacturers' Association, 668 N. Lake Shore Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60611. Ask for "The Care of Fine Walnut Furniture."

WELL-DESIGNED PORCH can become family's favorite room all year. Stock awning windows of penderosa pine keep porch airy in summer (even when it rains) and comfortable in winter (when porch is heated). Low-maintenance floor and furnishings reduce housekeeping chores.

Shady Spot Can Be Tiled

Do you have a heavily shaded area in your yard, where the grass just won't grow, despite your planning and planning? Not all is lost. You can convert the area into a pleasant spot for your outdoor meals or lounging by surfacing it with colorful ceramic tile.
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