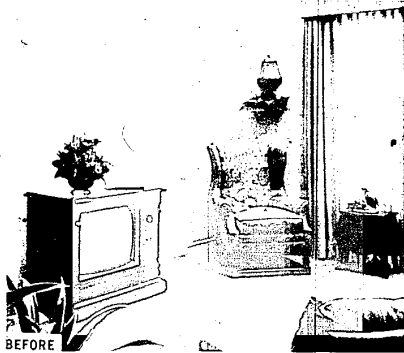


One paneled wall: room comes alive

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BEFORE

For most people, the term redecorating brings to mind expensive and extensive modifications, a great deal of trouble and inconvenience. While this may be the case with many renovations, it needn't be so in many situations. In many instances, the addition of one wall of paneling can change the entire appearance of a room.

In the room at left, for example, the decorating goal was to achieve the most dramatic change at the least possible cost. Replacement of floor or window coverings was ruled out, so was replacement of furniture. A single wall, in this case two sheets of 4 by 8 prefinished hardboard paneling, was decided upon. The paneling is Masonite Briarcliff, a rich simulation of oak panel inserts highlighted by detailed panel strips.

The elegant, formal appearance of the wall paneling, it was felt, would give the room added depth and dimension. Everything else in the room was left the same.

The difference (right) is apparent.



AFTER

Plant of the week

There are many species of calladium. Calladium bicolor is a native of Trinidad, Brazil and Guiana. Its firm leaves, shaped like an arrowhead, are green with red veins and scattered white spots.

Calladiums grow profusely during the spring and summer and are dormant during the winter. Some varieties have red, pink or variegated leaves.

For ideal growth of all calladiums,

Michigan State University horticulturists suggest:

SOIL. Should be rich in humus, peat moss, sphagnum moss or shredded fir bark. If drainage is a problem add broken brick, charcoal, granite chips, perlite or coarse sand to the soil mixture.

WATER. Keep the soil evenly moist but not constantly wet. Allow it to become slightly dry between waterings. During the winter, when it is not actively growing, it may need less water.

TEMPERATURES should range from 60 to 65 degrees F at night and 80 degrees F during the day. The calladium will withstand low temperatures found in most homes this winter with thermostats turned down. During the summer, place the plants outdoors for a period of time to get fresh air.

LIGHT. Indirect or diffused sunlight will provide the light needed for healthy growth. Keep out of direct sunlight, preferably near an east window.

PROPAGATION is by division of tubers in the spring.



CALADIUM BICOLOR

How to make your own sauerkraut



The Green Thumb

By GEORGE ABRAHAM

not use a pitch pine board as it will cause off flavor.

After fermentation is complete, skim off any scum that forms. If the kraut is to be kept in a cool place, probably no seal is needed. If in a warm place, the kraut can be sealed by pouring melted paraffin over the top.

Some people prefer sea salt, but regular table salt can be used. You can add a few caraway seeds, or dill or celery, to give the kraut an interesting flavor.

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GREEN THUMB CLINIC: "We have a wax or parlor plant and cannot get the thing to bloom. What is the secret?"

Answer: The hoyas or "parlor" plants are real gems, but often very disappointing when it comes to blooms. Hoya carmossa, the popular wax plant has fragrant, pinkish white flowers, with a star shaped crown. H. carmossa variegata has leaves bordered in white and pink-tinged. Most hoyas like a light or semi-

sunny window, a soil mixture of sand, peat and loam. Water heavily and not again until the top surface has dried out. Gardeners who have had success with hoyas will tell you this drying out is needed for the development of good root system. Start new plants by leaf cuttings in water or moist sand.

GREEN THUMB CLINIC: "We have some ivy geraniums and want to start new ones. Can they be started in plain tap water or should we use something special?"

ANSWER: Many use plain water for rooting the ivy geranium. Moist sand, and perlite are also used. Place a plastic sheet over the rooting cuttings to keep them humid and to hasten rooting.

GREEN THUMB CLINIC: "We want to grow the ground cherry or husk tomato. Are they difficult?"

ANSWER: No, start the seed (many seed houses sell it) now, in pots and when warm weather comes set them out. They'll fruit the first year and give you enough for all the pies, jams and topping you can eat. Everyone should grow some husk tomatoes.

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