

# Not only birds can live under eaves

The world economic situation may have precluded plans to buy a new house this year. But you say you still need more room?

Solve a few of those space problems by using space you didn't think you had. Out of the way places can sometimes be turned into small goldmines for storage or activity.

Tucked under old fashioned eaves can be the most marvelous kinds of rooms, full of visual surprises.

Despite its bad reputation,

under the staircase lies an alcove that a person might not have room for otherwise.

These seeming faults of an older home may be turned into assets with some careful planning.

A multi-purpose room under the eaves could answer a lot of growing family's space needs. outfitted with an extra sleeping area, a day bed or convertible couch will do that trick, it becomes an extra guest room.

Add some sewing equipment, a large tailor's mirror and storage space for fabrics and an ironing area and the room becomes a seamstress' dream world.

Attic rooms make good artists studios also.

Because of the shape of most attic rooms, you can have fun decorating them to make them attractive. Try different colors on different wall surfaces.

Sound deadening carpet run

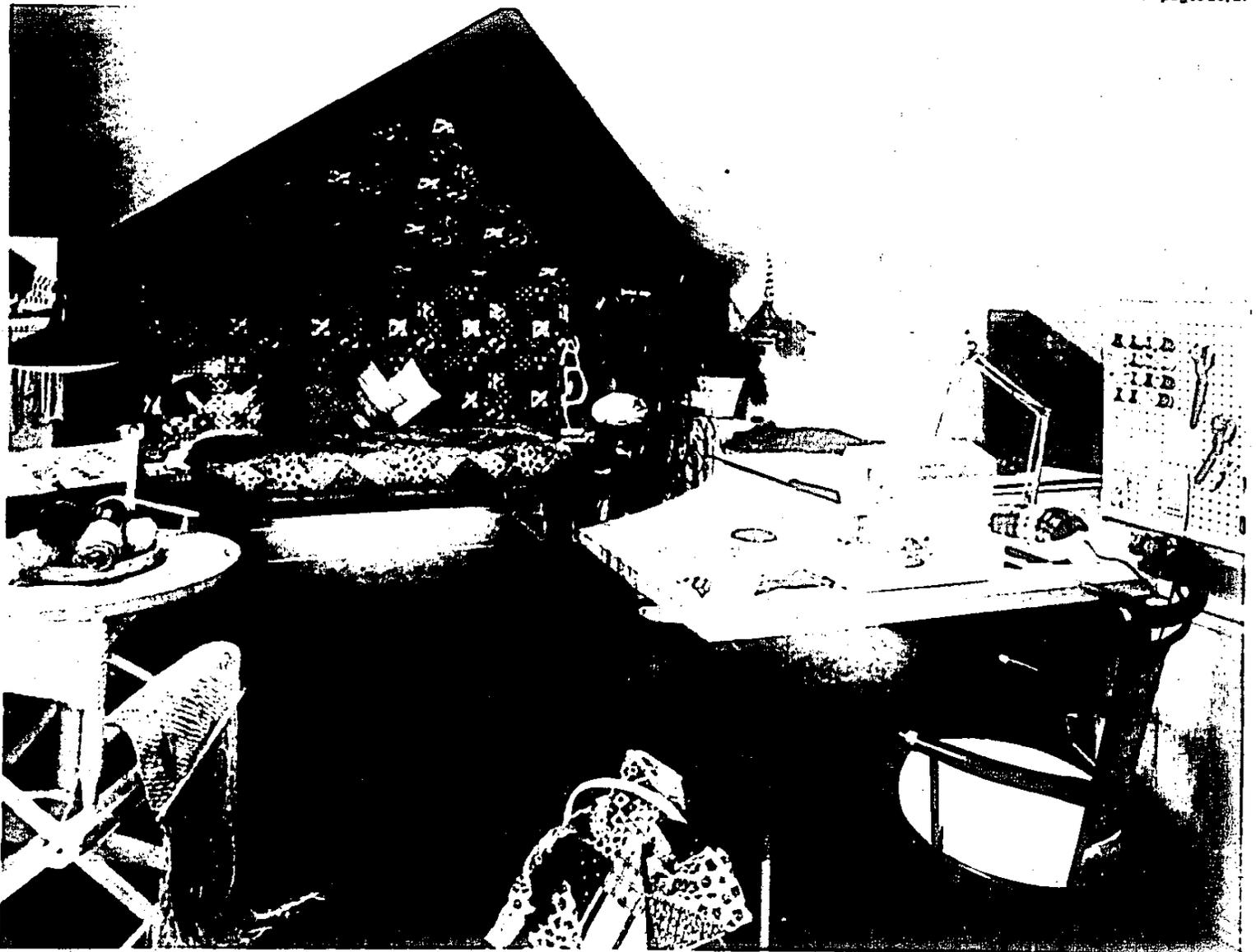
up the walls will convert such a room for music buffs.

What could be considered lost space can be reclaimed under the stairs for a clever homemaker.

A charming area can be created with a desk, a small filing cabinet or chest of drawers and a small scale chair.

Add a lamp for illumination and some art for diversion from busy work and you have an office in space which once may have been crossed off the list.

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An unused attic area can turn into a multi-purpose room