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## Decks make a hit

It's a good time to make plans for building a wood deck for outdoor living enjoyment. Here are some suggestions to help decide where, what and how.

Design factors to consider include intended use; orientation for sun, view, breeze and privacy; relationship to interior rooms and exterior areas; and type of construction.

A logical place for a deck is outside the dining area and kitchen for family use and informal entertaining. Or a location near the living or family room may be preferred. A deck off the master bedroom is another possibility.

A deck facing the south and protected from cold winds can be used earlier in the spring and later in the fall. If the deck is on the west side of the house, it may require shielding from the heat and glare of late afternoon sun.

Wherever the location, consideration should be given to opening the interior to the exterior with a single door and windows, pair of French doors, and better yet, a sliding galss door. Deck furnishing and landscaping can provide a pleasant view from inside the house.

On a relatively flat lot, a wood deck at first floor level, just off the ground makes sense. A wood floor is cooler to the touch under a hat sun than concrete and spaces between boards allow circulation of air.

Any wood members in contact with the ground should be treated with a preservative. Grass and weeds can be prevented from growing beneath the deck by covering the ground with a plastic sheet, or by spraying with a chemical.

With a sloping lot, a deck on columns can be placed any height above ground level. Decks high in the trees have a dramatic effect. Railings should be solidly built and designed to prevent small children from climbing through.

The variety of sizes and shapes of decks is unlimited. Rectangular shapes are common and simple

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