

AN AREA WAS SCOOPED out behind the home of Mr. and My. Divigit Gordon on Shring Valley Rd. to provide for windows and accrs this allower sivel tanent room.

"here and chickens" and other sedum. At the base of the wall is a bed of giuga with lins, peonies, and begonius for seasonal color.

The south wall, built of cement blocks, is covered by winter, creeper euorymous. At the foot of this wall is a shody area with ferns, and persion in an air epistiens blooming in the summer.

Many verieties of plants grow on the bank above the wall, these include hostia, lity-of-the-valley, coroneaster, potentiallo, and a colorful assortment of daylies. This grossy flagstone patio with its verdant enclosure reflects Mrs. Gordon's interest in gordening.



way sweeps around the edge of the potio; for large gatherings, guests often spill over onto the drive and sit there as well as on

The patio was constructed when a liv-The patio was constructed when a lawgroom anny was added to the house and
an area that had been lawn was pawed.
Three large maple trees and a chinese late
tree growing on the lawn were surrounded
by the patio but left intact. The patio was
built at the same level as the lawn had
been, and large circular openings were left
ordund each tree. These are filled with
smootin white stones that allow water to
seep down to the tree roots.



Patio Turns Outdoors Into A Living Area

A patio is a prominent part of most suburban and many city yards. It is the center of family activity in the summer months and is used as a play area and for relaxation and entertaining. It helps make the yard a real outdoor living area.

Patio is a Spanish word meaning "courtysta" and is derived from an architectural form brought to Spain by the Moors in the 7th century. The main features were a paved area enclosed by walls, with a central pool or fountain and groups of potted plants.

Spaniards developed their typical patios in Florida, California, Mexico and other areas where they settled, and the enclosed patio still found in these areas. In other parts of the country, however, the traditional patio has been modified so that only a token enclosure is given by the adjacent house wall.

In order to be most useful, a patio should be level and firm, and built so that it drains quickly

after a rain. Materials for paving include brick, stone, concrete, wood, and imaginative combinations of these materials.

The patio should be located where it is convenient. Patios adjacent to kitchens or family rooms prove especially popular. They will be most useful if they provide maximum shade in summer and can serve as a "sun trap" at other seasons. Depending on the situation, patios can be located so as to take advantage of a lovely view, or tucked away so they provide privacy or seclusion.

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THE ATTRACTIVE PATIO AT the Allen Anself home on La Muera Rd. was a "do-it-yourself" project. Four-fors square cement slabs are surrounded by a Eg of grey cross-ed stone with railroad ties providing an Edge to hold the gravel. The controst in textures is very ejecsing and the large cement slabs provide a firm base for chair and table

legs.

A narrow wooden deck leads across the rear of the house to a second patio area that is now parily completed. This type of patio can be constructed a bit or a time. The soil in the Ansell yard is sandy, so it was used as the base on

which the patio was built. A four-by-four foot form structed and placed in position and the concrete p

At the edge of the patio a small flower bed edged with railroad ties serves as a transition between the patio and tine



THE HOME OF DR. and Mrs. Conrad Lam on Westbrook Rd. in Farmington is built on a lost that slopes steeply down into a wooded rovine. The patia, just outside their lower-level family room, is at the edge of the raw on at this a view of a small waterfall and a Jurgle of trees and wild shrubs across the rawner.

The pation is paved with a rectangular reported to two fact squares to prevent cracking and frost damage. The squares give the patio an attractive patient and are of a size that is in good scale with the house and the

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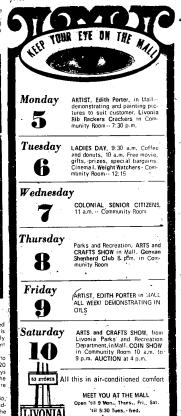
A decerative black wrought from rolling edges the patio area, adding on unusual personal touch. It is a special memerate for the Lâms. Before they acquired it; it was used around the mezzanine of Henry Ford Hospital, Jahran Di Lattu serves at a staff.

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A FREE-STANDING Fellow enameled fireplace with a tall yelf-w smokestack is the highlight of the patis, at the Fred Elyhome on La Muera Rd. 19% the focal plain for cook-outs and summer entertaining. The poured cement patio is scored into five foot blocks. Originally the patio was 20 feet long and 10 feet wide, but the Elyhowe added an additional five feet to the width and feel that the new proportions are more pleasing.

A beamed roof covers part of the patio, and part is left apan. Raifroad ties extending the length of the patio lead down to the lawn area which is about a foot below the lawn area which is about a foot below the level of the patio.

Much of the Elys yard has been left in a ratural condition with wild flowers growing between huge all of trees. A point tucked into active street from trees: "Ith size back left on. Wood chips till the sizes between the rounds. Although this type of patio is not longlasting, it enhances the rustic character of this area of the yard.



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