

Pour It Yourself

New Surface For Old Floors

Well-to-well, flooring that's easy to clean, never needs waxing, and has no dirt-catching seams. Doesn't that sound like every homemaker's dream? It can be applied in a single day over existing resilient tile, sheet goods, wood, or concrete floors. And not only is it the easiest way possible to update worn-out floors, but it also can be used for counter-tops.

IMMEDIATELY, while base coat is still wet, sprinkle uniformly over the base coat two loosely-filled 16-ounce cups of chips. This is a "chipping rate" of about one pound per 16 square feet. Sprinkling the chips is a simple operation, using much the same technique as sowing grass seed. To avoid lap marks, leave a few inches of bare base coat at the lapping edges. Overlap the edge with the next strip of base coat and chips.

STR BASE COAT thoroughly before pouring one-half pint onto a strip approximately two by four feet. Spread the base coat evenly over this area with a clean one-quarter inch nap mohair paint roller. (An extension rod for your roller makes this an easy stand-up operation. One gallon of base coat covers approximately 140 square feet until the floor area is covered.)

USING A NEW, clean, dry one-fourth-inch nap mohair paint roller, spread the first coat of clear topcoat glass at the rate of one-half pint per two by four-foot section. Maintain this rate throughout the room, spreading evenly to avoid puddles.

Let the first glaze coat dry and harden for approximately four hours. Then, sand lightly with medium grit sandpaper to smooth any rough edges. Repeat the operation in two by four-foot sections.

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FINISHED ROOM has wall-to-wall seamless flooring of sunstone gray, applied 'right over old tile. Seamless flooring's hard, durable surface has tough polyurethane surface that never yellows and needs no waxing.

THE FIRST STEP in the preparation of the existing floor -- by completely removing all traces of wax, grease, oil and other contaminants with wax remover. Then sand with medium grit sandpaper or scrub with scouring powder and scouring pad or steel wool. Remove all dust on completion.



Oil or paint-covered rags can be fire hazards. They should be washed after use and stored in closed metal containers or burned. Another fire hazard is gasoline used in power mowers. It should be stored only in closed metal containers, preferably safety cans, outside of the house in the garage or storage shed. No more than one gallon at a time should be kept on hand.



Hyacinths, Narcissus Bloom All Winter

Anyone who can provide the right temperature can get hyacinths to bloom indoors starting about mid-December, and if the pots up enough bulbs, using different varieties and potting times, he can have bloom and perfume indoors all through the long dreary winter.

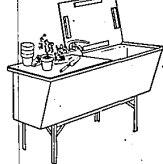
old paperweights that grandmas used to grow -- are even easier than hyacinths. The flowers are unimpressive, but at least they are real and their perfume is delightful. They need only water and enough and or stones to develop roots that will support the weight of the tops.

SPORE THE BULBS you buy in a cool place until you plant them. Then place the bowl in a dark or dimly lit area -- perhaps the basement floor under a work bench or fruit stand -- until roots have filled the bowl, then move it to a cool window sill.

THE TECHNIQUE for hyacinths is simple: label your bulbs with name and date, store them in 63-degree or cooler for four weeks. Then pot and keep the potted bulbs at 55 degrees (one sheet of your refrigerator will likely register this temperature; so will a cold room or a basement room if the window is kept open at night).

When the shoot grows 1 1/2 inches or more out of the bulb, move the pots to a sunny window-sill where the steady-day temperature is 65 degrees (or under fluorescent lights at 65 degrees by night, 10 degrees colder at night). In one month the bulbs will bloom.

Generally, bulbs are not much good for forcing indoors a second time, but they are fine for other bedding in areas where they are hardy.



To prevent the covers from slipping while in use as a hobby center, attach 1/2-inch pieces of wood underneath so their edges touch the upper parts of the tubs. The easiest way to fasten them is with Rosinolate general-purpose adhesive, which is waterproof. Or drive screws from the boardward through counter-sunk, drilled holes.

plan for creating both a hobby center and storage around laundry tubs is available free. Send a postcard to Masonite, Box B, Chicago, Ill. 60690, for free plan A-206, "Laundry Tub Cabinet."

CLEANING UP is surprisingly easy. The Weperstauser base coat is a water based material, so tools and hands can be cleaned with warm water and soap. The topcoat glaze is a solvent-based material, so hand-and-tools should be cleaned with paint thinner or other solvent.

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