

The great coverup

'Papers' dress up decors

Wallcoverings can create a mood more effectively and at less cost than almost any other decorating tool. Today's wallcoverings run the gamut in decorating styles — from country and colonial to traditional to contemporary to juvenile.

Recent collections to the country look are collections featuring needlework patterns and the motifs from patchwork quilts and Americana folk art.

Reflecting a trend toward romance and elegance are the watercolor look, the new wallcoverings with just a hint of glitter showing through, and the light-reflective moiré, satin, damask and pearlescent looks.

In contemporary, the grids and small-scale geometrics and florals still are popular, giving an upbeat, airy look.

TEXTURES, both natural and vinyl, are being used to bring warmth and subtle interest to both traditional and contemporary furnishings. Included in the category are the look of grasscloth, basket weaves and corduroy, and handsome herringbone patterns, checks and stripes.

The luxurious look is found in the new textile wallcovering where thin or thick yarn is laminated to a paper backing.

Commercial builders have long

known that painted walls can't compare with the tough vinyl wallcoverings when it comes to durability.

An important consideration in selecting a wall covering which will require little maintenance is to choose one with an overall pattern or texture. A pattern with large white areas will show more soiling.

Here's some tips for selecting wallpaper from the Wallcovering Information Bureau.

- You'll probably be happiest living with the colors you like to wear, so choose the colors for your decorating scheme which will make you look good.

- Tell the retailer what style you are looking for, what your price range is and if you are going to hang it yourself so you can be guided accordingly.

- Don't be too fussy in making your preliminary selections. After you have a half-dozen or so, go over them again to narrow the choices down.

For a copy of "The Wallcovering How-To Handbook," which gives tips on how to decorate with wallcoverings and instruction on how to hang them, send your request with 50 cents to the Wallcovering Information Bureau, Dept. F83, 66 Morris Ave., Springfield, N.J. 07081.

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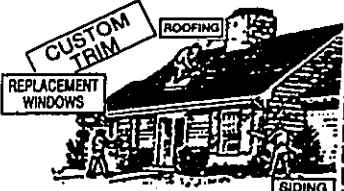
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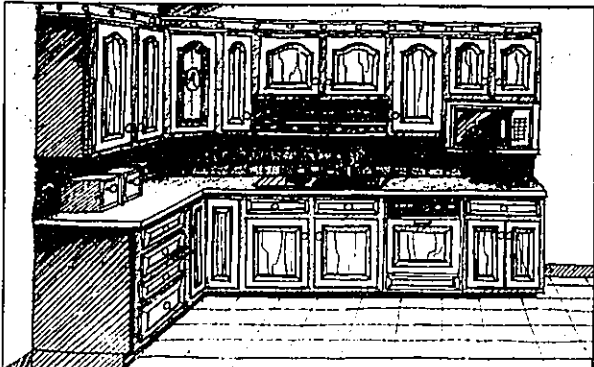
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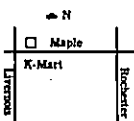
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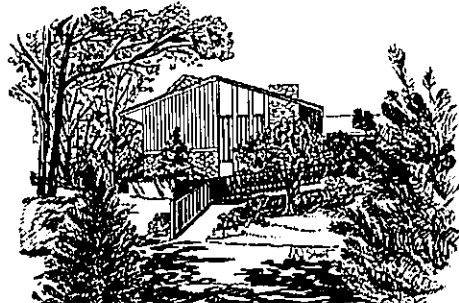
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