

Homes should work for us



designing ways
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At some time or other, most of us suffer from lack of space. Yet there are often parts of the house, corners or alcoves, that are not fully utilized. I don't feel that there are any real guidelines for the way space should be used. Our homes should work for us and the way we live. If you don't entertain frequently, setting aside a space for a dining room is a waste that could be better used some other way. Don't be bound by convention,

be flexible and arrange your rooms to suit yourself. I remember our first home didn't have a powder room on the first floor. Our front vestibule had a closet and our front foyer had one as well. We turned the vestibule closet into a charming powder room. An under-stairs closet can do the same thing for you. An attic with enough height can

become an additional room. If the height isn't suitable, turn it into an efficient storage area. Very often it is clutter rather than an actual lack of space that may be the problem. We can achieve a feeling of spaciousness by the way we decorate and arrange the furniture. Light colors, shiny surfaces, reflective images (mirror) and well-planned storage all contribute to a feeling of spaciousness.

A low ceiling will appear higher if it is mirrored or painted white. Lines in your house behave the same way they do in your clothes — clothes with vertical lines make you look slimmer and those with horizontal lines make you appear heavier. Lines that travel along the length of the room on floor or walls will appear to extend the space while those that travel across the width will seem to shorten and widen the area.

'Viennese Night' tickets available

Tickets are now sale for the second in a series of theme miniconcerts presented by the Livonia Symphony Chamber Orchestra. The event with a Viennese theme will be 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 10, in the Livonia Civic Center Library auditorium, Five Mile, east of Farmington Road. Under the direction of Francesco

Dibiasi, the chamber group will feature violinist Evan Price. Selections will include Mozart's "Ein Kleines Nach Musik" as well as a sing-along of tunes from the "Sound of Music." Tickets are \$8.50 for general admission and \$5 for students and seniors. For more information, call 353-9128, 591-5046 or 522-7848.

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