

Put a fresh face on a tired room

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table and added some orange and blue. The orange and blue were echoed in several prints and watercolors on that side of the room, adding vibrant color. As she worked, Nelson was careful to incorporate the things that Judy

and Sherwood felt most strongly about.

"If it's important to them, I'll make it work, because that's what I'm all about," she said. "I'm not a decorator who comes in and says, 'This has to go.' It's your home and it doesn't have to go."

The Sherwoods came home that evening to find all their familiar things rearranged in a completely new way.

"I love my living room," said Judy, who owns Judy's Hair Salon in Farmington. "She moved everything and made it entirely different. It's gorgeous."

Nelson, 48, is a stylish and energetic woman who says she discovered her knack for arranging things rather late in life. She throws herself into her work with great enthusiasm and was pleased with how the Sherwoods' home turned out.

"Judy and Sherwood have a love of beauty and of collecting things, which gives their home a story to tell," she said. "I put them in the best place they could be put, without making it cluttered. It's a matter of giving important things an important space."



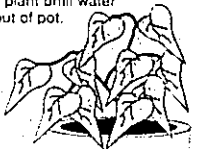
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HOME FACTS

Houseplant diagnosis and repair tips

Loose leaves; stems are soft and dark.
Plant is overwatered. Check drainage to make sure all is clear.

Wilted, with brown leaf tips. Leaves falling from plant.
Plant is underwatered. Water plant until water runs out of pot.



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Onions prefer cool weather

When spring is threatening and the gardening bug bites, plant onions. They grow best in cool weather and can stand frost, so they're among the earliest crops to go into the garden.

All onions aren't created equal, said Michigan State University master gardener specialist Tom Stebbins, so "know your onions" is good advice at planting time.

The three basic types of onions are scallions or bunching onions (picked before they develop bulbs), yellow or white storage varieties and large sweet onions.

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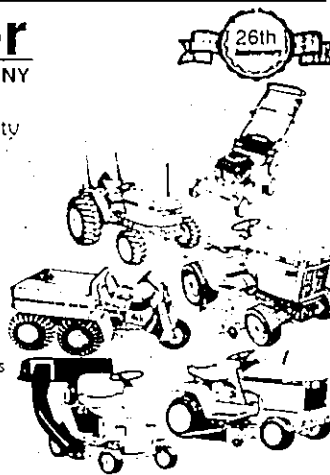
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