

Asbestos-Cement Sheets Serve As Partial Siding

If you're planning to build a new home or modernize an old one or wish to achieve a distinctive exterior effect, here's a tip. Unusually attractive results can be gained by utilizing corrugated asbestos-cement sheets for functional and decorative purposes.

The sheets can be employed advantageously, for example, as partial siding in conjunction with conventional siding materials. Their corrugations, which lend added strength, cast interesting shadow effects. Weather-proof, the sturdy stone-gray sheets do not require painting to preserve them.

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Carry Inside Color Theme Outdoors

Carry your inside-the-home color theme right outdoors for a smart ensemble effect, says Grace Holm, home decorating authority.

If your house is sided with one of the many exciting patterns of natural wood, then such accessories as lawns and patio ceilings may be painted any color to harmonize or blend with the wood exterior. Interior color schemes may be carried to these outdoor accents, suggests Miss Holm.

Miss Holm says that even the carport becomes a part-time patio if the overhang is painted a gay color and a few shrub tubs of natural cedar are placed at strategic points, giving the area a partly atmosphere.

Natural wood is a popular siding material because it is so complementary to landscaping, the decorating authority asserts. Western red cedar is particularly appropriate, for its rich red-brown hue is in perfect accord with more building sites, and cedar has a natural weather resistance, making it ideal for all outdoor construction.

Fellow across the desk from us says that the only thing he wants to plant this spring is the salesman who sold him the shrubs he planted last spring.



PLEATED lantern arrangements set inside series of twelve boomerang shapes cut from fir plywood make up this fixture, called by its designers "the boomerang light."

HOME BOOBY-TRAPS, CARELESSNESS CAUSE ACCIDENTS

Household booby-traps and human carelessness add up to home accidents, "which caused over 800 Michigan deaths in 1954 and probably a similar number in 1955," the Michigan Department of Health warned this week.

Dr. Albert E. Heustis, State Health Commissioner, said the high death toll is one reason local and state health authorities put accident prevention on the agenda for this year's "Commissioner's Conference" on health scheduled in Lansing on February 8, 9 and 10.

"You don't need a microscope to see the cause of home accidents," Dr. Heustis said. "Even that handy item like the utility rack can do to help ease crowded kitchen drawers and make work easier. The rack was originated and made by the department."

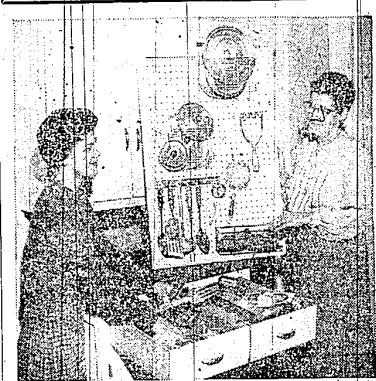
Of the 800 home accident deaths in 1954, health department records show 300 were among persons 65 years of age and older, who died as a result of falls in the home.

Other causes, in order of their importance, were: mechanical suffocation, suffocation from food or objects, poison gas, poison solids or liquids and firearms.

The two "high danger" age brackets for accidents are five years of age and younger and sixty-five and over, Dr. Heustis reported.

He said more than one out of four of the home accident deaths in 1954 were in the age group five and under. And more than 40 percent of the deaths were among persons 65 and older.

The only limit on ways to use milk are those that the cook puts on herself. Milk as a food that is truly versatile. Because of its bland flavor, milk combines well with most foods.



Mrs. Frances Sanderson, head of Wayne University's Home Economics department points out to one of her seniors, Jean Kneidel, a handy item like the utility rack can do to help ease crowded kitchen drawers and make work easier. The rack was originated and made by the department.

Wayne U. Home Economist Offers Tips To Ease Crowded Cupboards

Large or small - kitchens with cramped cupboard space can be a major headache to the housewife. Recently, Wayne University's home economics department compiled a list of helpful hints for getting the most benefit from your cupboards and kitchen drawers.

First look over your cupboard arrangement. You need a mixing center so you can stir up or fix a casserole with a minimum number of steps.

Kettles and saucepans should be stored as near the sink as possible where they can be easily reached when preparing vegetables.

Lids are best kept in the storage drawers of the range, since there is no reason to use them until the pan is on the stove burner.

A way to inexpensively ease crowded drawer space is to have the man at the house make a utility wall board (see picture). All that is needed is a two-by-three foot piece of peg-board, a bulletin board frame of the same dimension. Covers, potholders, strainers, funnels and other kitchen utensils can be hung from this handy item.

Dishes should be kept near the

sink where they can be put away easily after washing, or near the dining table where they will be handy for table setting.

If you find it more convenient to store cooking utensils, groceries and dishes together, do so. There's no rule that says you can't. Sort both equipment and food supplies according to how often each item is used. Put those most frequently used where they are easy to reach. Avoid stacking pans or dishes, whenever possible.

Decide where you need extra shelves and set-in half shelves. They're not difficult to make. Measure the length and width of the cupboard shelf. Then cut a piece of plywood half the width of the cupboard shelf and two inches shorter in length. Two squares of plywood or ordinary board are nailed at right angles to either end to support the set-in shelf.

Or if you prefer, a variety of rubber-coated metal racks can be bought to serve the same purpose. There are several sizes designed for storing plates and baking pans in an upright position, as well as cups, racks and step-selves.

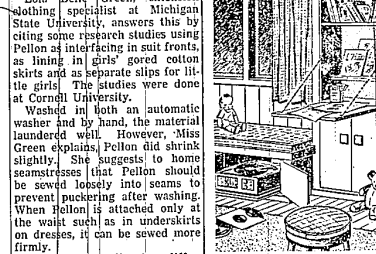
"Adherence to these tips now," claims Mrs. Frances Sanderson, head of Wayne's home economics department, "will make your kitchen a pleasant place to work."

PELLON WASHES SATISFACTORILY; DRY CLEANING OUT

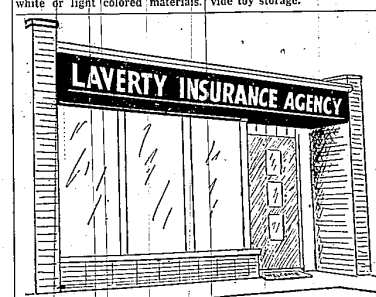
To wash or not to wash Pellon is a question often asked. It is also asked whether this new non-woven interfacing material should be dry cleaned.

Lola Belle Green, extension clothing specialist at Michigan State University, answers this by citing some research studies using Pellon as interfacing in suit fronts, as lining in girls' gored cotton skirts and as separate slips for little girls. The studies were done at Cornell University.

Washed in both an automatic washer and by hand, the material laundered well. However, Miss Green explains, Pellon did shrink slightly. She suggests to home seamstresses that Pellon should be sewed loosely into seams to prevent puckering after washing. When Pellon is attached only at the waist such as in undershirts or dresses, it can be sewed more firmly.



Dry cleaning Pellon is a different story, the research studies point out. The sample became very yellow after a few cleanings. And when put away for a few weeks the dry cleaned samples became stiff and "boardy." They did not shrink, though. The yellowness of such interfacing would be likely to show through in light weight white or light colored materials.



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Do-It-Yourself Workshops Fire Danger Spots

Do-it-yourself fans, who can turn out toys, furniture and other items in their home workshops with relatively little strain on the family budget, are a decided advantage. Safety-wise, however, they may be at an equally decided disadvantage, because their workshops can be danger spots for fire.

The National Board of Fire Underwriters urges every home dynamo to protect his home and family by taking these safety precautions:

1. Clean up all sawdust after each day's work. Sawdust is extremely combustible.
2. Be sure power tools do not overload electrical circuits. Most household circuits should be protected with 15 ampere fuses; substituting larger ones may allow wires to heat to the point where insulation will ignite. If fuses blow, call an electrician. You may need a heavier circuit installed for your power equipment.
3. Throw out all oily rags; they can ignite spontaneously. If you must save a few, store them in a covered metal container.
4. Read carefully the safety instructions on any chemical you use. Never mix chemicals unless you know exactly what you are doing.
5. Keep points in a wax covered, and store them in a cool place.

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A soft loaf of bread is not necessarily a fresh loaf. The old "squeeze test" is not a good measure of freshness today. Some types of bread are by nature compact and just do not become soft. Other breads remain soft for days due to the ingredients and softeners used in their manufacture, declare MSU consumer information specialists.

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