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Do's — Don't's In Decorating With Color

Color can work a wonderful transformation in any room — especially when you follow some of the basic rules that have been discovered about its use. Here are "Color Do's and Don'ts" to guide you:

DO USE light colors in a small room to create an impression of greater size.

DON'T USE too much pattern in any room. This can be distracting and tiring.

DO PUT emphasis on warm reds and yellows in rooms that are windowless or face toward the northeast.

DON'T USE bright color in large areas, as this will detract from the furnishings.

DO HAVE continuing color flow through the house and use harmonious colors in rooms that adjoin.

DON'T USE too many cool blue hues in a northeast room or it will seem too cool.

DON'T USE too much red or yellow in a southwest room with large windows, or it will seem warmer.

DO PAINT the ceiling of a room a deeper color than the walls, if it is very high. This makes it appear lower.

Planning Can Bring Remodeling Rewards

Inside, outside and all around the house, from the basement to the roof and from the indoor family room to the outdoor patio and garden, there's something going on in many, many homes these days — a considerable "something" in the way of home improvements. Families intent on making the old new again, on increasing living space and bettering existing space, on boosting the comfort, convenience, beauty and enjoyment of the entire home and adding substantially to property values, too, are going into action now to make sure their own particular improvements get off to a good start and reach a satisfactory conclusion.

Whether the plans involve repairs, remodeling or expansion, or all three, rewarding results do depend greatly on the "good start." Sound basis for home improvements of any kind is to determine first just what the home needs to put it in top shape and assure the successful completion of new projects. A modern, automatic kitchen, for instance, can't be

Concrete Jobs You Can Handle

Most concrete improvements and repairs are best done by a reputable concrete contractor. Others you can do yourself. These simple suggestions will help you obtain durable, low-maintenance concrete.

For small projects concrete can be mixed in a container like a wheelbarrow. To save labor and to insure a thoroughly mixed concrete, larger jobs should be mixed in a rented mixer or ready-mixed concrete should be used.

Basic 1-cu.-yd. mix: 6 1/4 U.S. (6 Can.) bags of portland cement; 14 cu. ft. (1,200 lb.) of fine aggregate (sand); 19 cu. ft. (1,500 lb.) of coarse aggregate (gravel or crushed stone); 3 1/4 U.S. (28 1/2 Can.) gal. of clean, drinkable water. No more than 6 U.S. (6 Can.) gal. of water should be used for each bag of cement — less if aggregates are wet.

THE KEY to concrete quality is the amount of water and cement recommended. They should not be changed. If the first batch is too stiff, use less (fine and coarse aggregate in subsequent batches. With soupy mixes, add aggregate to obtain the desired consistency.

In many cases the 1-yd. mix may be more concrete than is needed for the job at hand. For example, a 1-yd. mix would pave an area 10 ft. square to a 4-in. thickness. The following batch, expressed by volume, yields about 5 cu. ft., enough to pave an area 2 x 10 ft. to a depth of 3 in.: 1 cu. ft. (64 lb.) of portland cement; 2 1/4 cu. ft. sand; 3 cu. ft. gravel or ports of their tepes.

WOOD FINISH — When finishing prestige woods like ponderosa pine, western hemlock and western red cedar, always let each coat of varnish dry thoroughly, then buff lightly with very fine steel wool and dust before applying the next coat.

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