

Popularity Higher, Costs Lower for Home Pools

Increasing interest in water sports activity and new emphasis on physical fitness, together with lower costs for specialties installations, are swelling the rising tide of private-home ownership of swimming pools. Since the home owner who installs a backyard pool does so with a view to lifetime enjoyment for himself and his family, it well behooves him to become thoroughly familiar with every phase of pool ownership before making his final decision. Although costs have become substantially lower in late years, a swimming pool is still a sizeable as well as a permanent investment.

Size and shape of pool and kind of pool construction are vital factors. Very often, these will depend on the size and shape of the property where the pool is to be installed. Another consideration is the principal purpose for which the pool will be used—or, in other words, for relaxing the chief reason for having a pool?

A recent survey showed that a majority of new pools installed were 15 to 20 feet by 20 x 40 at their widest and longest points, with a trend toward the larger size.

While pool design is no longer restricted to rectangular shape, this is still the type still recommended when the

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Use Putty Knife To Open Window

"Darling, would you mind opening this window? It seems to be stuck." You try to push it open. And darling huffs and puffs and can't blow the window down—or up, as the case may be.

The next time the window resists your efforts, control yourself and get a putty knife. Nearly every case of a stuck window is caused by hardened paint in the channels in which the window sash is set.

Break the seal and the window will open, but don't follow the common custom of using a screwdriver blade or you'll leave a series of conspicuous marks. Use the putty knife or a similar tool made especially for this purpose and sold in many hardware stores.

In cutting the hardened paint

Ceramic Tile Is Guard For Table

June is the month of matrimony and, before it's over, an estimated 100,000 hereabouts single girls will be wearing wedding rings.

Whether it's for the first time, or something they've experienced before, women like the idea of wearing a gold band on the third finger of their left hand. They also go for a diamond ring, symbol of engagement, on the same finger.

The only place, it seems, a woman doesn't want a ring is on a table top. Any gal—married or otherwise—who does any entertaining eventually will come face to face with this problem, caused by drinking glasses.

The solution is to surface those table tops with a stain-proof material such as ceramic tile. Not only can you forget about rings, but you can entertain without worrying about damage caused by misplaced cigarettes. That's because tile is also impervious to burns.

Tile now comes in such a wide variety of colors that any June bride can use it decoratively in any room of her home. There are many beautiful designs to choose from too, including some ring patterns that will please anyone, matrimony-minded or not.

Air Conditioning Reaches High

Almost a half-million more homes were centrally air-conditioned in 1964 in the United States. The 1965 figure may reach 600,000.

Because more and more people are becoming conscious of the many benefits of central residential air-conditioning, more and more are actively considering its purchase, either for their existing homes or in the new homes they plan to buy.

The Air-Conditioning and Refrigeration Institute has produced a booklet which offers a few tips:

"Titled 'Central Air-Conditioning... What to Consider in Its Selection and Purchase,' the booklet was prepared in cooperation with the National Better Business Bureau to provide basic information to the public.

It does not mention any brand names, but it explains the operation of air-conditioning and some of the functions it performs in addition to 'cooling.' Copies of the booklet may be obtained by sending 10 cents to the Air-Conditioning and Refrigeration Institute, 1815 North Fort Meyer Drive, Arlington, Va. 22209, and mentioning 'NBBB Booklet.'

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American Housewife Seeks Creative Outlet in Home

The American homemaker spurred by an inner urge for individual self-expression will once again spend billions on do-it-yourself home improvements.

A product headliner that she will find practical and colorful, inexpensive and versatile and spruced-up look is tile.

Tile is the new, self-adhering, 3-D mosaic wall paneling. Ideal for such splashy areas as the kitchen and bathroom, it also has a multitude of other uses: in closets, cabinets, play rooms, on bar-tops, serving trays planters, etc.

Tile appeals to almost every taste and is suitable for practically every interior decor. It comes in fifteen decorator-approved colors and in three design patterns.

It achieves the rich, authentic look of imported ceramic tile at a fraction of the cost.

Installed in a matter of minutes, tile requires no special tools or skills. Just peel off the protective backing and press on the wall.

It's so simple to apply and so easy to handle that in less than a half hour the average homemaker can tile the entire wall surfaces behind her kitchen sink and kitchen counters.

It is rack-sold in hardware, houseware, paint and department stores in easy to select window boxes, each containing eight convenient-to-handle, one foot square panels—enough to cover a wall area of eight square feet.

A bonus feature is that it bonds to accommodate both in inside and outside corners, and can be cleaned with ordinary household detergent. This is also flame resistant.

Folding Doors Can Save Space

It's a rare house that has enough storage space, especially in the kitchen.

One way to make room for the overflow of glassware, china, canapés or even canned goods is by building a shallow utility closet along the wall, in an adjacent hallway, or in the open area between the kitchen and dining room.

You can conceal the closet with folding lower doors of ponderosa pine. Besides being highly decorative, the doors will open easily with a minimum of clearance required. The doors can be obtained already assembled and ready for installing, or individually for various effects.

Homeowners Question Box

Q. How do I drill holes in the bathroom ceramic tiles to hang a shelf cabinet on the wall?

A. Use a carbide-tipped drill to make holes for fiber masonry anchors. Mark the location of the first hole, scratch the tile glass with an awl across this mark, then drill through and put in the anchor. Hang and level the shelf on the anchors. To get the location of the second hole, and repeat.

Q. I want to put a Dutch door at the patio entrance, but my wife is afraid that it would be drafty. Is she right?

A. You can obtain a Dutch door of ponderosa pine with overlap rabbets plus weatherstripping at the meeting rail. These doors are draft-free and available in stock sizes through lumber dealers.

Q. There is a single worn spot in my linoleum floor. Can this be repaired neatly?

A. Cut a square patch from the same material and lay it over the worn spot. With a sharp linoleum knife, cut along the patch into the original linoleum. Lift out the old piece with its felt backing, apply a layer of linoleum paste and set in the patch smooth and level. Let the adhesive harden before stepping on the patch, which should fit almost invisibly.

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