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Building a Ventilated Patio Roof

Building a patio roof, to add beauty and comfort to the home, can be fun and easy to do. All it requires is ordinary hand tools — and thorough planning before you begin!
 The first and most important consideration is assuring maximum comfort. Any single-layer roof needs proper ventilation to provide coolness and control condensation.
 Constructing a translucent patio or porch can be mostly a one-man job, completed in a weekend. A wife's helping hand is valued at some stages of the project, and certainly helps make the work go faster.
 Considering how to properly ventilate any roof, first examine the basic steps in constructing the roof.
 First step is to install the front header support posts.



important step for ventilation in a normal installation.
 Allow from four to six feet of space between the house wall and the roof panels. The panels should be that distance from the building and from six to eight feet below the roof overhang. It is this separation that makes for the air sweep from under the patio roof.
 Panels, overlapped one corrugation where they meet, should be nailed to the framework with aluminum weather-proof nails having a built-in Neoprene washer.
 Holes for nails should be predrilled in panels to avoid shock marks around each nail. An ordinary drill with a one-eighth inch bit is used.
 And so, with a hammer, saw, drill, and nails, the patio roof is completed. For a final professional and decorative touch, nail a valance or fascia board to the front end of the rafters.

CASUAL, COOL OUTDOOR LIVING MEANS a well-ventilated patio. Tests have shown that a patio which is open on three sides and has roof ventilation as well, is cooler than its surrounding area.
 Building information is available in a pamphlet by Filon Corporation, "How to Build Translucent Patios," Plan No. 504. It's free from lumber dealers.

The average patio needs but two. These can be secured with angle irons or a rod in the cement footing. Atop these, a four by four, used as the front header, is secured with framing anchors.
 Two, working together in securing the headers, is better than one. The length of the headers make it unwieldy for one man alone. The back header is a two by six, and is fastened to the house wall.
 As a first step in insuring proper ventilation, both headers should be raised to the greatest height possible while allowing for recommended pitch.
 Once the headers are installed, the man of the house can start putting in the two by fours as rafters. Meanwhile, the lady of the house can (if she will) be cutting translucent fiberglass roofing panels to size. This material is available in sheets and in rolls, and is easily cut with an ordinary hand saw.
 Finally, cross braces and moulding strips, which also serve to provide a handsome

lattice effect, complete the installation of supporting lumber. All lumber may be purchased pre-cut. If desired, to speed the job and eliminate much of the sawing and cutting.
 As this point you are ready to install the fiberglass roof panels. These are lapped over the rafters—but note that it is here that you take the im-

Pebble Gardens Are Answer For Problem Yards

The shrubs shade it, it's too close to a walk, too near a tree, and the grass either won't grow well or can't be cut conveniently. A problem area like this is really no problem at all, and can be the most striking area around the home with the help of pebbles and clay potted plants.
 Once it is decided that the area is just too difficult to handle as a lawn, clear it of weeds and other debris. Shovel and hoe the soil one foot deep, and rake it level.
 Next, border the area with old bricks, new bricks, Belgian blocks or aluminum garden edging. Then, add two inches of uniform size pebbles or crushed rock to cover the soil completely.
 Set plants in porous clay pots on top of the pebble layer. But be certain that the plants you selected are those suitable for the prevailing light conditions in that spot.
 If the pebble garden gets a lot of open sunlight, then the plants should be double potted.
 This involves placing them in clay pots one size larger and filling the space between the two pots with sphagnum or peat moss and keeping it damp.
 When selecting plants for your pebble garden, it's wise to seek the advice of a local florist or garden center.

Don't Put a Diamond in a Cheap Brass Setting

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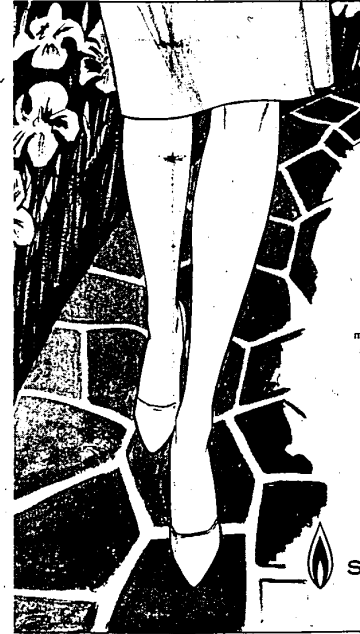
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