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Special Housing Needs Of Elderly Call For Safety Factors, Easy Care

The rapidly increasing ranks of the elderly have confronted society with many problems, including the need for special housing.

U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare statistics show there are 18.5 million people over the age of 65 today as compared to 6.6 million in the 1930's. Latest estimates are that one out of every three families headed by a person over 65 lives in substandard housing.

Federal and state governments, as well as private investors, are trying to solve the problem with housing programs for the elderly—especially in low-income groups. There is increased recognition that the special needs of the aged and infirm require housing that differs substantially from conventional homes, particularly in terms of safety and easy housekeeping.

signed apartment for the elderly might include: non-slip surfaces and grab bars in tubs and showers, elimination of thresholds to reduce the danger of tripping and allow passage of wheelchairs, entrance ramps for wheelchairs, and shelves and cabinets placed at a height that does not require climbing or stooping.

Easy-care building materials would be another asset. For instance, an apartment for the elderly, rising in Hagerstown, Maryland, will feature low-maintenance Perma-shield windows and sliding doors which have a vinyl-clad sash that doesn't need painting and welded insulating glass which has two less surfaces to wash than storm sash.

The Walnut Towers apartments, designed by the architectural firm of Bushey-Chapman-Burrey, will have cement windows which can be

operated easily and cleaned from inside. The sliding doors can be safely washed from individual apartment balconies.

The apartments will also have a special alarm system. If an elderly tenant needs assistance, an emergency button in each apartment will, when activated, turn on an emergency light in the hall, ring an alarm bell, and automatically open the front door so neighbors can gain quick access.

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Secret Of Pressedwood Need Hobby Space? Then Just Claim It

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Hobbies, they say, are great for relaxation. But how many people with a need and wish for one are stymied for lack of space in which to pursue it?

"A hobbyist can get off 'dead center' by choosing a place in his home and simply making it into a hobby spot," suggests John Concord, home improvement consultant to Masonite Corporation.

"He (or she) simply must take the bull by the horns, assert his or her rights and interests and barge into the realm of hobbies. It's quite simple, once the first step is taken."

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CONCORD POINTS OUT that only a small amount of space is needed for most hobbies.

For instance, the seamstress can have a sewing center attached to a closet door. When open, a table comes down, and from a storage drawer she can remove a portable machine. Stamp and coin collecting, needlework, and dozens of other hobbies in which people can lose themselves for an hour or two usually require only a working surface and some storage. Concord points out. To obtain these, the would-be hobbyist needs, in many cases, a desk or a drop-down counter plus on-the-wall storage for conserve space. Space requirements can be as little as eight square feet.

"Certainly Dad or Mom deserve to think of their own relaxation needs in this small extent—or more so of course, if space permits," the consultant comments.

HE SUGGESTS putting up a Royalcote Living Wall—a 4x8 foot woodgrained hardboard panel with slots that hold brackets, shelves and pictures. Wood-grained shelves are available for many storage needs, as well as display of hobby endeavors.

Where more space is available, the hobbyist can have a small room within a room—as in a basement or attic—affording him or her more privacy.

For walls of such a room, Concord suggests Royalcote woodgrained panels, available in many patterns and shades, for a pleasant surrounding. Some can be Living Wall panels to support shelves and pictures. They're available in Sable Walnut, Honeytone Cherry and Teak.

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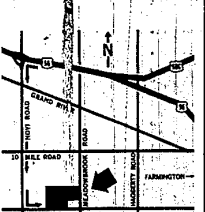
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