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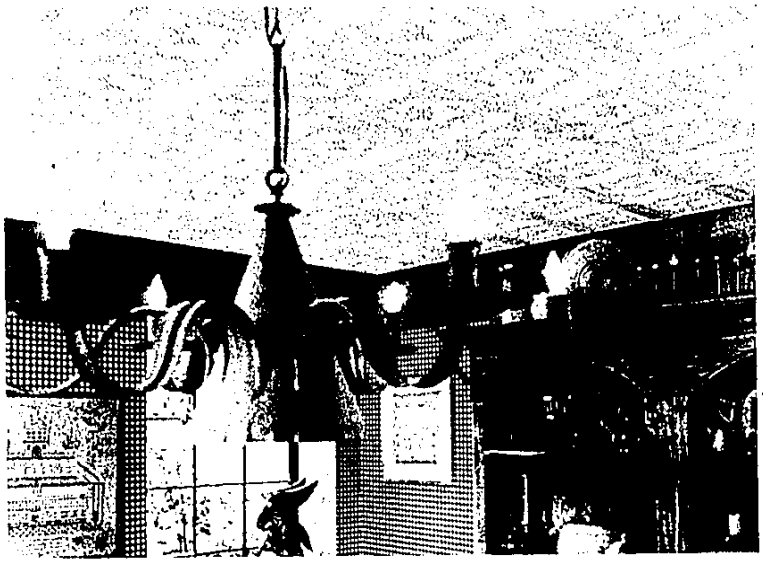
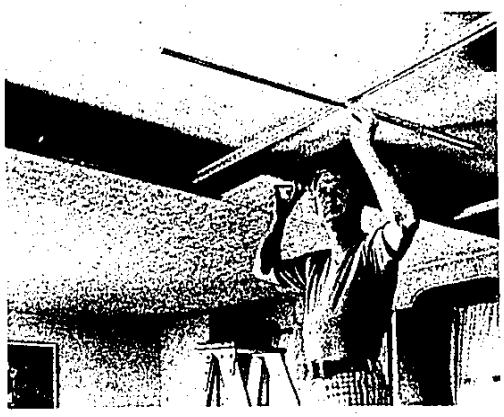
Ceiling: Weekend Project





NO MESS AND NOT a tarpaulin in sight when a new suspended ceiling is installed. It's a weekend job for any handyman or handywoman. There are a multitude of ceiling tile designs available to complement any motif.

Queen Sized Fitted Sheets Easily Made

If you have just bought new queen-size bedding, and if you have full-size flat sheets left over in your linen closet, you can make them do as bottom, fitted sheets for your queen-size mattress.

Here's the simple way to do it: Place the full-size flat sheet (81 by 108 inches) on the queen-size mattress (60 by 80 inches), leaving equal allowances of 10½ inches on each side and 14 inches at each end.

Tuck in the sheet as though you were making the bed, and then sew at each corner, preferably using small pieces of elastic to allow for stretch.

That's all there is to it.

Good Base

Ponderosa pine takes paint firmly, without grain raising.

Shelves Cut Kid Clutter

Acknowledging that youngsters like to surround themselves with a seemingly endless variety of collections or memorabilia may make it easier to accept the overburdened condition of their rooms, especially if an organizing hand is lent.

One wall with built-in study area and shelves and another wall covered with burlap for tacking up pictures and posters is a start.

The study-storage wall is built in a series of bays 36 inches wide and 20 inches deep, the number depending on width of the room.

They may be built as modules or built in with common walls of edge-glued boards or plywood between bays.

One bay has a fixed, full-depth shelf at desk height, plus two book shelves above of 1x12-inch western pine boards.

An adjoining bay has adjustable shelving. A lower, full-depth shelf is for record player, radio or small television set.

Upper shelves are 1x6-inch pine or fir for paperback books and 1x10-inch boards for collectibles or odds and ends.

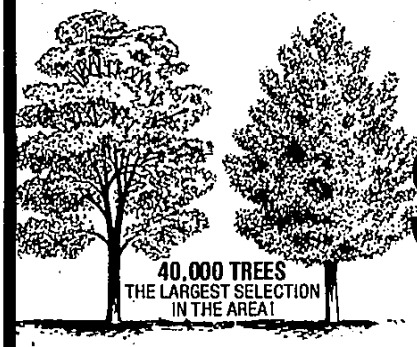
Beam Ceilings Fit All Motifs

For an unusual effect in remodeled or added rooms, a plank and beam ceiling lends itself to any decorator motif from rustic farmhouse to ultra contemporary.

Western wood ceiling decking, in a variety of flat, grooved or striated patterns and knotty or clearer grains, provides structural strength, noise and temperature insulation, and beauty.

Above-usual height and heavy fir beams lend dimension to the room. Careful placement of skylights or clerestory windows adds interesting patterns of light.

BIG SHADE TREE SALE



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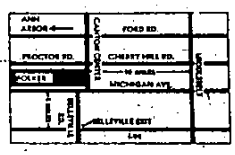

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