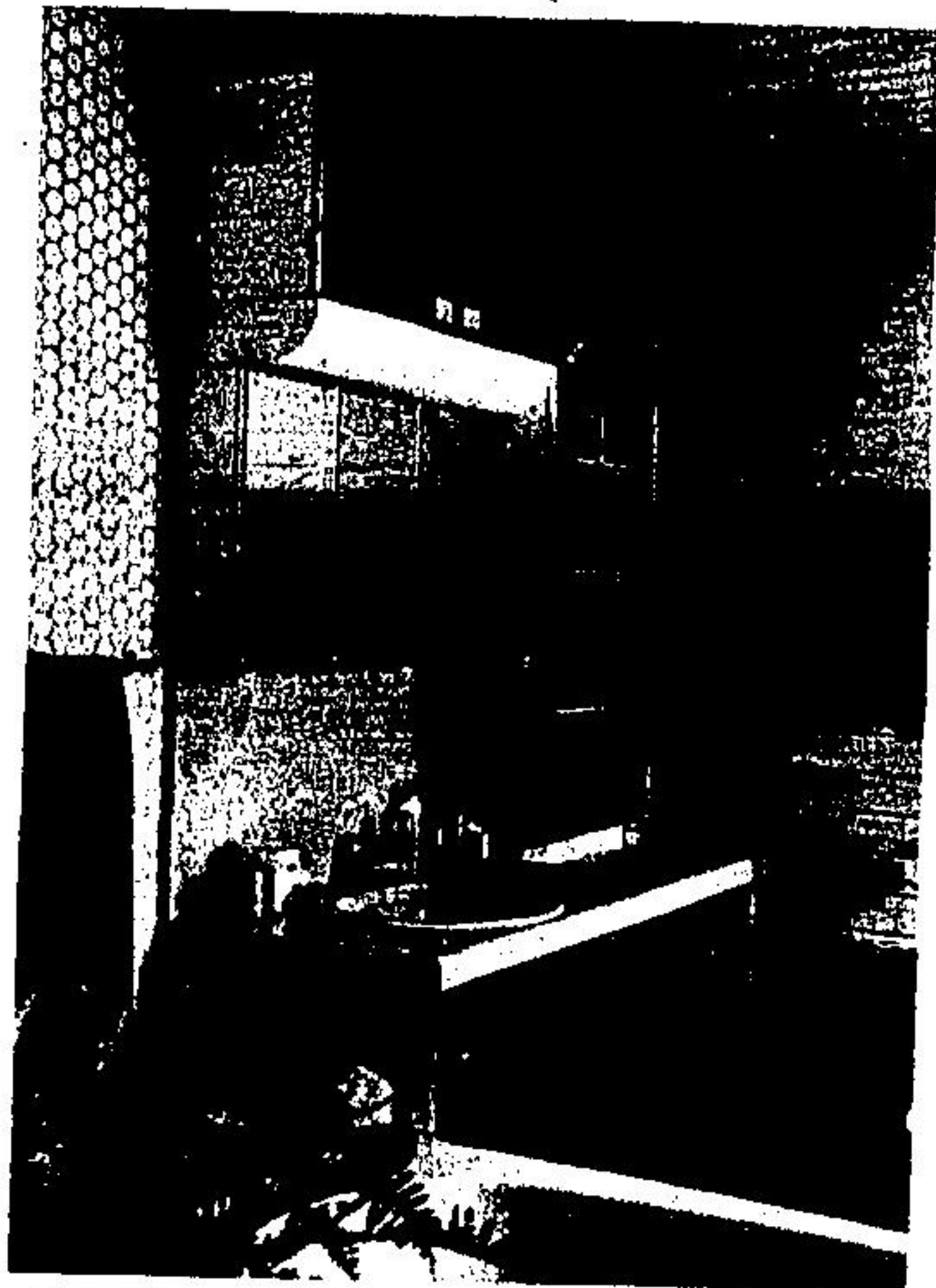


# Design Today



## Pots Plants and Places

Now that Clyde the Cactus has outgrown the window sill, what are you going to do with him? That really perfect spot is already occupied by Roger the Rubber Tree and that dark dreary corner begging for company is fit only for a bat to live in!

Generally speaking, plants appear more interesting in groupings if they vary in type and size. The extravagant leaves

of one compliment the starkness of another and this provides greater flexibility in arranging and rotating them. It is also easier to introduce small specimens or cuttings which otherwise would appear lost by themselves. Consider unusual places such as hallways, foyers, a stairwell landing, under coffee tables, the ends of sofas, an entire mantle, a seldom used dining table, a china cabinet, glass shelves in a kitchen window, a den desk or a patio floor.

## Quick Changes for Tired Rooms

Your living room represents three years of blood, sweat and near bankruptcy and the results are as exciting as a bowl of week old granola? Chances are you and your home are suffering the between season blahs—prime time for a multitude of mini-changes. Small scale, low in cost and short on time, each is designed to freshen, change and brighten both your home and your spirits!

Rearrange the living room furniture and live with it for two weeks. Despite comments made by your husband. Most rooms have at least three potential arrangements. Pick a furniture arrangement similar to your living room from a magazine and make your moves accordingly.

Remove a piece of furniture from a room. Most rooms are over furnished often with pieces that are hardly earning their keep—an uncomfortable chair no-one uses, a bookcase for a few tired knick-knacks, end tables, magazine racks. That "bare" spot will disappear in time. Resist the urge to fill it with something else.

Create a piece of art for a bedroom headboard, room divider or foyer. Stretch one of the new, big bold or earthy patterned sheets over a 1' x 2' frame for a really gigantic piece of art or use a beach towel for bathroom art.

Reduce or increase your living room lighting. A change in your lighting level produces an automatic change in your room, new shapes and shadows can create whole new dimensions!

Start an indoor garden, in a broom closet. A fluorescent tube and some glass shelves on metal brackets will prove a delight each time you reach for the Ajax. Great for a starter garden of seeds, bulbs or herbs.

## That Wonderful World of Color

If you've got that once in a lifetime chance to start afresh with color, whether it's a room or a house, take heed of some facts before you order six gallons of bile green and turn the same color at the results.

There is no fashion in color, contrary to what the magazines want you to believe. Use colors only that please you, that you respond to naturally and that you are already using, in your wardrobe, the color of your car, a picture you like. The most common mistake frequently found in homes is simply too many colors, all weak and unrelated. The more color you use the more fractured the result. Try using only three, and for variety adjust them, making some lighter, some darker, some stronger. The effect will be more co-ordinated and impressive. Avoid subtlety unless you're an expert. Very soft tints and tones are simply lost by light and shadow and are over

powered by textures and other colors.

Work with colors stronger than you desire, color seldom appears as strong when a room is completely finished. Invest in a yard of fabric, a quart of paint or a roll of wallpaper—it's a small price to pay to check the results before committing yourself. Live with it a week and test your reactions to it. Artificial and natural light can cause huge differences in color!

Remember that wood, brick, stone all belong to color families. Teak for instance is orange, so is rosewood, mahogany is red, walnut can be beige, brown or gray. Keep this in mind when selecting fireplace facings, blending furniture pieces and choosing panelling and sidings.

Keep floor colors through out the house the same, blending bathroom and kitchen floors to work with the carpet. Don't let children choose their carpet or vinyl colors. Children's rooms are already set apart by the size and type of furniture and general mood. Continuity is one of the most important factors in making colors work.

Keep pattern and color to a minimum over large areas (walls, floors etc.) and build up as areas become smaller and more important—bathroom walls (do all four of them) dining chairs, cushions etc.

Color will do more for you than dollars—it's exciting to use and fun to live with. Try it—you'll like it!

## June May Bring More Lawn Weeds

June may bring a new crop of weeds in the lawn, according to horticultural experts in the lawn and garden section at Canadian Industries Limited.

These weeds should be eliminated as quickly as possible because the more established they become the more difficult it is to get rid of them.

Lawns are also under additional stress during the hot summer months, and any food used up by the weeds adds to the problems the grass is having.

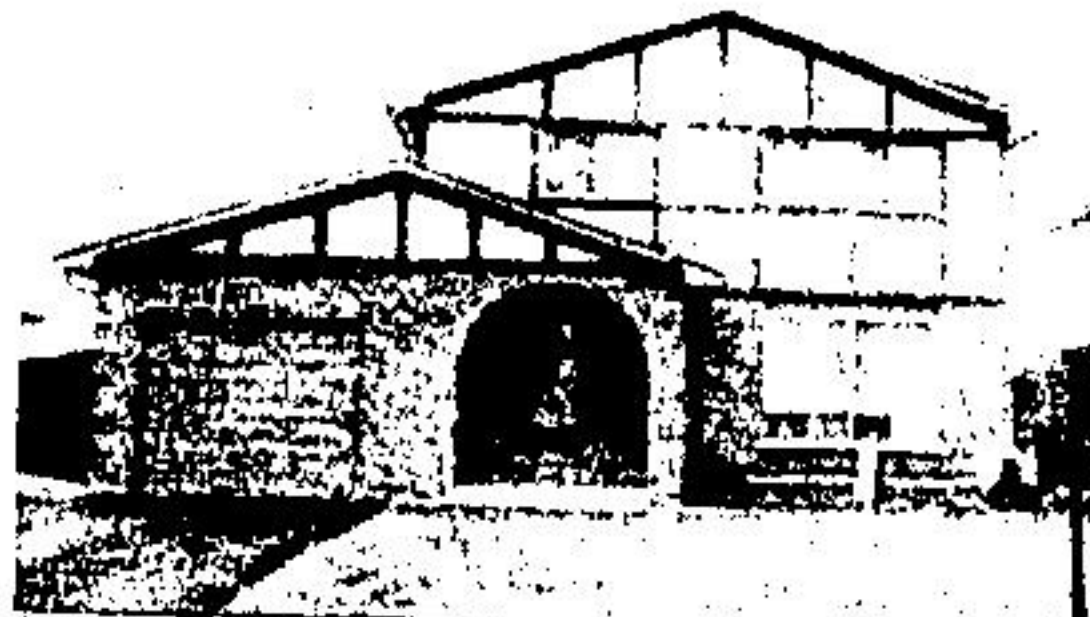
The weed seeds may come from other properties, from birds, or from late germinating seeds which have become buried in the lawn soil.

At the first two or three weed leaves emerge, apply CIL Lawn Weed Doctor. Apply at 10 lb. / 1000 sq. ft. in clear, warm weather and do not water in. Do not cut or water the lawn for three days.

Many lawns tend to brown out and go dormant in dry, hot, mid-summer weather. You can avoid this by giving the lawn its second feeding now. This feeding will keep the grass plants growing and healthy during the hot weather. CIL Lawn Weed Doctor provides this important feeding in addition to killing the weeds.

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