



Home of the Handyman

Do You Know Your A-B-C's?

Your Handyman has assembled a group of handyman words that you probably have often heard but weren't quite sure of their meaning.

A - Apron a horizontal board set on edge under the front edge of a flat surface. The piece of trim nailed to the wall underneath a window-sill is call an apron.

B - Bleeding Wood is said to bleed when the resin or soluble salts in it stain paint on the surface. Knots in resinous wood like pine are prone to bleed. They should be coated with knot-sealer before the final finish.

C - Chamfer A chamfer is the edge of a board with the sharp corner removed by planing to a 45° angle.

D - Dutchman a piece of wood used to plug any hole or gap, such as a hole made in the wrong place for a plumbing pipe.

E - Escutcheon the metal plate surrounding a keyhole. The metal plate under some draw pulls or the plate covering the hole under a door knob.

F - Ferrule a ring of metal used at the end of a wooden handle on some tools such as files, chisels, screwdrivers to strengthen the handle where the blade enters it.

G - Gusset a small board of piece of plywood which strengthens a corner in a truss. When trusses are mass produced steel gussets with many rail-like projections are used to speed up the assembly process.

H - Header a large timber to which joists are attached at right angles when framing around an opening in a floor or roof. The heavy horizontal timber over a door or window opening is called a header, but is properly known as a lintel.

I - Intaglio a carving which is sunk below the surface as opposed to a cameo which is embossed.

J - Jamb one of the inner surfaces of door or window openings. In a door opening the strike-plate for the lock is set in one side jamb; the hinges are set in the other.

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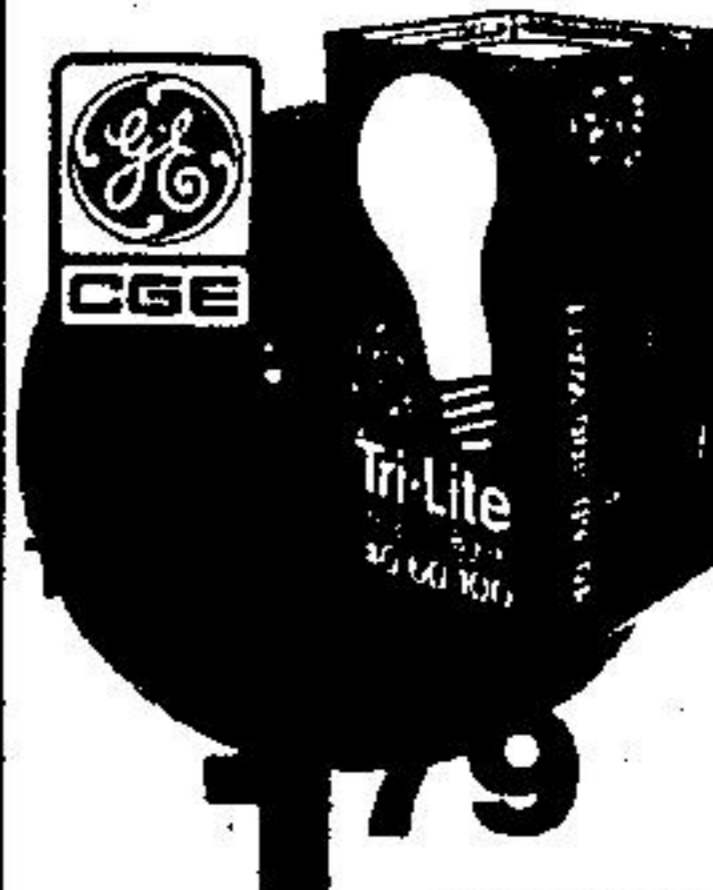
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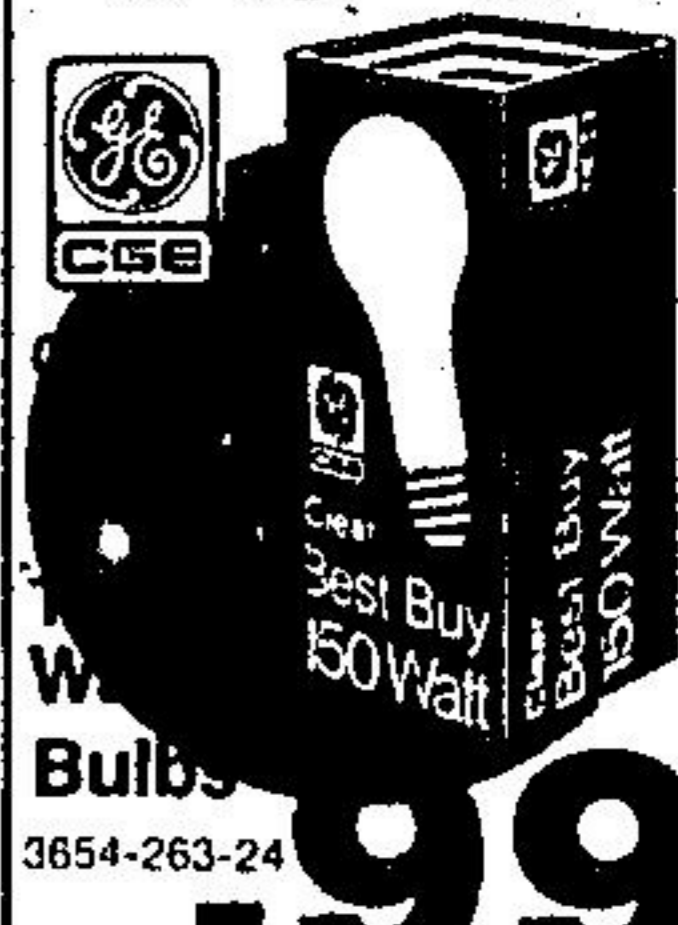
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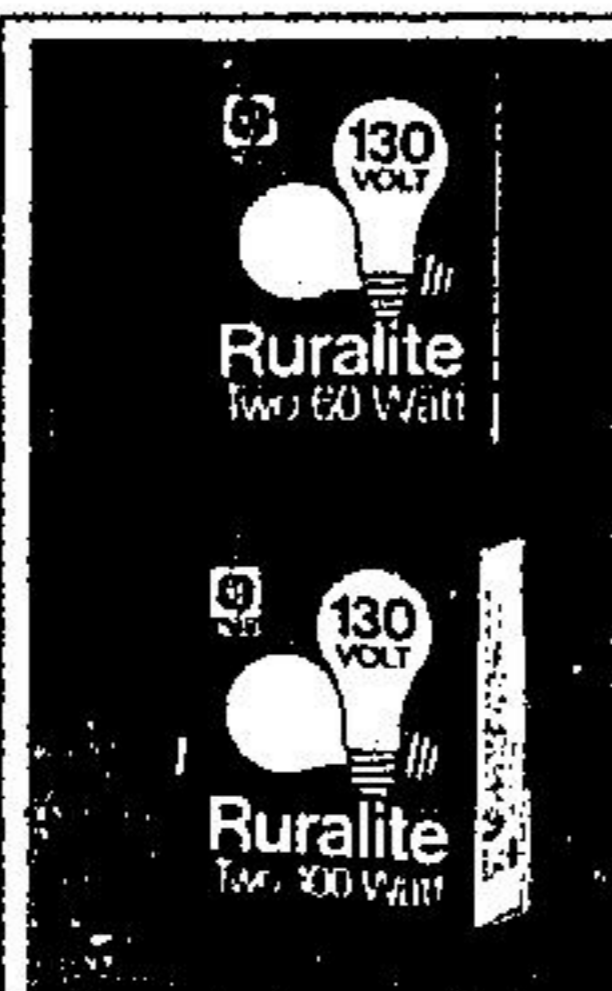
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