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## Is your roof in tip-top shape?

A worn-out roof is a little like graying hair—a sign of age. But there's a difference—since a roof protects the house, a worn roof is a danger signal.

Roof leaks are always destructive, but when water leaks into electric wires, short circuits can cause fires. A roof that is not wind-resistant can leave a house open to severe rain damage after a gale or hurricane.

Fire from sparks or burning brands is another threat to some old roofs, and even to new ones that are not fire resistant.

A family living in or purchasing an older home would do well to take a close look at the roof, inspecting it from inside and out. If indoor inspection reveals telltale water stains in the attic or on walls belows, or lots of blue sky shows between shingles; and if a climb up to the rooftop shows cracked curled or missing asphalt shingles—those weighing 290 pounds or more per 100 square

feet of roof area—bear the Underwriters' Laboratories Class C label. This signifies they have been tested to assure that they will not readily ignite or aid the spread of fire and that they do not present a flying-brand hazard. Some asphalt shingles have a UL Class A or B label indicating an even higher degree of fire protection.

Heavyweight asphalt shingles with the UL wind-resistant label must be able to withstand two hours of 60-mile-per-hour winds during laboratory tests without a single tab lifting.

The ceramic granules that coat asphalt shingles serve two purposes—they help protect the asphalt and they give the shingles their color. And there are many colors to choose from: black or white, solid colors or blends, in deep shades, medium tones and pastels.

## On-the-spot bar will save time and

If you had a dime for every step you've taken between the kitchen and the room where you entertain guests you'd probably wind up very rich.

But carting rounds of drinks and hors d'oeuvres between rooms only earns you some tired legs when you'd much rather shine.

There is step-saving convenience in an entertainment bar built into the living room. Your party supplies and equipment are all in one place and instantly locatable. You don't wear a path in your carpet with trips to the kitchen. And the host and hostess remain a member of the gathering and don't miss parts of the conversation.

If you have carpenters doing other remodeling get them to build you a living room entertainment center while they are around.

Or buy a ready-made bar at your furniture store and use those finished plywood panels to construct an enclosed niche to give it that luxury, built-in look.

If plumbing costs don't frighten you the greatest conveniences to have are a sink as well as a refrigerator built into the bar.

Otherwise invest in a big foam-insulated hamper to keep mixers and soda cold, and a large and fancy ice bucket to be kept handy on the bar top.

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## Decorate that wall

The toughest challenge when redecorating is to turn a huge wall into an effective and decorative backdrop.

Your furniture and how you use your room, almost dictates the floor plan, but walls are another thing.

And, there are four of them for every floor area requiring vertical space planning.

The most difficult walls are windowless ones, or without fireplace or beams to lead the way—a huge expanse of unrelieved wall space.

How to make them interesting and decorative is the challenge.

Many choose wallpaper which introduces pattern but with a large wall, the design of the paper can take over.

One of the best solutions is to use a mixed bag of tricks. A darker color of paint shrinks the wall, bringing it optically down to size.

The next step is to break up the space with various decorative elements. For instance, shelves.

There are many types on the market from the well known system to the little specials from your local lumber yard or glass cutter. Syroco, a firm widely known for its range of wall accessories an Syroco Art, now is offering solid oak shelves with decorative brackets in both formal and informal styles.

Shelves of course are not

just confined as a vertical space user or decorative ploy.

They work well all over the house. In the kitchen they hold cookbooks and can support a bulletin board message center.

A pair of three foot Syroco shelves hung side by side in the dining room or small dining "L" can serve as a sideboard service area.

Ideal for newlyweds, a pair of shelves can act as night stands while waiting to afford the "big" pieces.

Grouping of shelves interspaced with pictures and personal accessories often offer the most versatile answer for almost any type of room.

In doing these wall arrangements, it is best to try laying them out first on paper in sketch form.

It's done much the same as a floor plan with graph paper measured out to represent the dimensions of the wall.

Then sketch in some of the accessories which you have or would want. Be sure to sketch in the furniture that goes against the wall, otherwise good balance can't be achieved.

Another very good method, and not necessarily instead of the sketches, is to lay the shelves and accessories in the planned groupings right out on the floor.

This can save both time and labor, and gives room for experimentation.

"Instant Groupings" can be

formed and mistakes avoided before the first nail goes into the wall. One warning: don't over-crowd!

## Flowers are for apartment dwell

Before the environment became an issue of national debate — "it's dying, it's salvagable, it's a political bandwagon," etc. — it was more simply regarded as the satisfaction of the needs of the body, the spirit, and the senses.

Ecology, whether nature's



## Beware of home improvement crooks

Does an "inspector" want you to post a cash bond until a gas leak is fixed? Does a firm offer to do remodeling work "at a price" if you allow use of your residence as a "sample" house on display?

They are gimmicks often used to cheat the home owner.

Another "scare" concerns mortar mice, mythical rodents that the man uses in his spiel. They "nibble away mortar, concrete, or brick to make a structure unsafe," the gypster says.

However, by following a few precautionary measures the home owner can resist.

Most firms and individuals offering home improvement services are legitimate and provide honest work at fair prices. Unfortunately, however, there are others whose sales and advertising practices are questionable.

Any firm worthy of a home owner's patronage will provide full information concerning itself.

Obviously a little planning at the start can help achieve good results.



own, man's urban creation, or our home environment, concerns us all. But primarily, a better environment begins at home...in the sense that living styles are made by individuals seeking an environment compatible with their own lives and personalities. This desire for individuality eventually becomes a special look, and at its best, an esthetically satisfying experiment in living with our immediate surroundings.

AS A START, a cue can be taken from nature by merging its most colorful and dramatic aspects with our home environment...be it a ranch-style suburban retreat, or, a high-rise apartment complex. For the suburbanite this is more easily attained in terms of landscaping, and planted gardens and terraces. But, even the urban apartment dweller, who hasn't the advantage of nature at every doorstep, can live close to nature while enjoying the life of the inner city.

Following are a few ideas on how the city apartment dweller can use nature's folk to create a private world of unmarred ecology, even

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