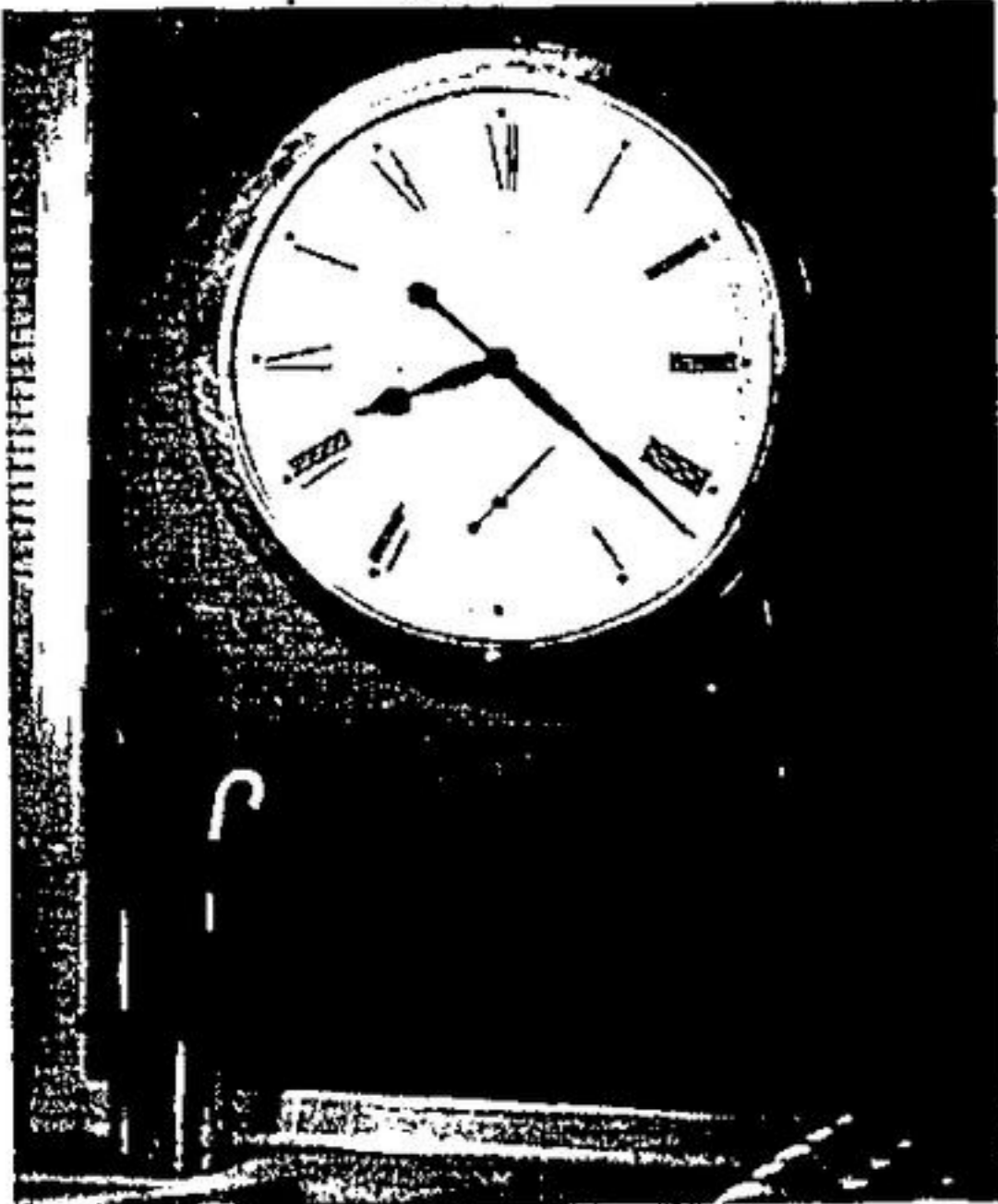


HOME

Big timer!



STYLED LIKE A POCKET WATCH, this gallery clock from Howard Miller makes good living BIG living its diameter is 42 inches! Cased in oak, with 24K gold leaf bezel and glass crystal, the wall clock has a white dial with black Roman numerals and markers, and a separate second hand track. The minute and hour hands are black, the second hand is red, the movement is electric.

Room where pretty and practical meet

Living room, playroom, neat room, chaos—that seems to be the general pattern for today's home layout.

This separation does have its advantages, keeping one room spotless (almost to the point of being untouchable) for entertaining guests while the family hides away and relaxes day-to-day in the middle of toys, projects, and Rover's bones.

It's not such a bad idea, in essence, but what if you'd like to entertain your guests on a more informal, relaxed basis—and still get away from the clutter of the "ree room wreck" for a more pleasant environment?

Interior designer Emly Leever has come up with the perfect solution to this problem of guest room play room with her "Fun Room," especially geared for families that do more socializing and entertaining in the home.

The theme is comfort, function and multi-purpose use, blending easy-going accents with attractive styling for a room that families, and their guests can always enjoy.

Decorative and yet practical, all elements in the "Fun Room" can be easily built or

Happy return to hearth and home

Be it ever so Tudor, ranch style or modern, penthouse or studio, townhouse or farm—there's still no place like home! Good living in 1978 definitely means good times spent in and about the home.

The new trend both for singles and families is a return to the hearth for entertaining, relaxing, playing, creating and just plain enjoying all the privileges to be found in one's "own castle."

Consumer trends reveal that there's a market boom happening on the home front. People are investing more than ever in home furnishings and decorating accessories, convenience appliances of every sort, and home entertainment products designed to inform, amuse, beautify and individualize the home lifestyle.

For example, "dining in" or having guests over for dinner are no longer just routine affairs. The fine art of dining with true gourmet flair is probably one of the most popular new interests of couples everywhere.

This new "hobby" of gourmet home dining has given rise to an amazing new selection of "specialty" appliances that will help the homemaker to serve a meal for family and guests with exceptional grace and flair.

Even the current recipe favorites reflect this happy return to the days of arduous home living, turning yesterday's practical casseroles and easy-to-fix main dishes into delights that are as attractive to serve as they are delicious to eat.

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Music can soothe the savage beast; it can also rick the inner ear when played at window-rattling volumes powerful amplifiers can reach.

The students at Brooklyn College recently decided they'd had an awful, concerned about possible damage to their hearing, they voted to place a decibel limit on music played at campus rock concerts.

Bands are notified that if they break the sound barrier their amplifiers will be unceremoniously unplugged and their concert fee clipped \$500.

A good high-wattage stereo can bring concerts right into your home; it can also bring family members down on your neck when woofer and tweeter team up to infiltrate the entire house.

You can keep your musical tastes to yourself by wearing a headset, of course, but prolonged use gives some people a headache and, besides, it's a solution when more than one wants to listen to the music.

A practical remedy is to sound condition your music room by treating its surfaces with acoustical materials that will minimize the noise escaping into adjoining rooms.

It doesn't take an acoustical engineer to do this, and it doesn't take a lot of money

Music room keeps stereo sound in bound!

There are acoustical materials for the ceiling, floor and walls that you can install yourself, using the labor savings to enlarge your record collection.

Here are a few sound-conditioning suggestions:

Ceiling: Most people are aware of the ability of an acoustical ceiling to soak up excess noise through the tiny perforations in the design.

What's not so well known is that an acoustical ceiling can also act as a "buffer zone" to prevent the passage of the remaining sound into adjacent rooms.

This problem could be acute, as in the case of a bedroom located above an active family room where the stereo is in nearly constant use.

Acoustical ceilings come in both tile and panel form. The four-square tiles are usually cemented or stapled to the old ceiling, and the normally 2' x 4' panels are inserted into grids formed by intersecting metal supports hung by wires from the old ceiling.

The denser the composition of the tile, the better it will intercept sound before it can spread.

Among the densest tiles on the market are those made from mineral fiber, wood fiber or a blend of natural and man-made materials, such as Armstrong's Chandelier

acoustical tiles. Other materials such as fiber glass are more porous and allow sound to slip through with greater ease.

All acoustical ceilings are efficient sound absorbers when compared to "hard" ceilings such as plaster or wood.

Acoustical ceilings are not priced prohibitively for modest noise control budgets, either. You can install an Armstrong acoustical ceiling yourself in a typical 12' x 14' room for as low as \$60 for an economy model to about \$130 for a top-of-the-line model.

Walls Interior walls in many houses are so tightly constructed even soft music can easily penetrate them. Worse yet, they usually contain holes for plumbing, heating and electric outlets that serve as speaking tubes.

Fill the spaces around pipes with caulking compound or fibrous insulation. Use a rubber or fibrous gasket around wall and floor registers to make an airtight seal between the rim of the register and the wall or floor.

The only way to increase the sound resistance of an existing wall is to increase the thickness. A fairly easy and inexpensive way to do this is to apply half-inch

thick sheets of gypsum board over it. The more you apply the better.

If you cover one side with a single layer, it will help. If you put on two layers or one layer on each side, it's even better.

A floor-to-ceiling bookcase filled with books and objects will help soundproof

a wall, providing it has a solid back which does not come into direct contact with the wall.

Floors and Furnishings Should the kids have their friends over and transform the music room into an ad hoc disco, thick carpeting or cushioned resilient flooring will muffle footfall noise.

Doors Doors allow a great deal of noise to pass from room to room, especially the hollow-core or thin-panel type in most homes. Such doors can be made more sound-resistant if one or both sides are covered with quarter-inch-thick plywood.

Even the best door won't keep out noise, though, if there are cracks when it is closed. Seal these cracks with a weather-stripping type of gasket.

If installed correctly, it will make the door airtight. An adjustable threshold gasket should also be installed to seal the crack at the bottom of the door.

Basements The basement, where many music rooms are located, presents a special problem if the walls are of poured concrete because this material not only doesn't absorb sound but actually

amplifies and distorts it.

Covering the walls with acoustical tile, inexpensive carpeting or insulation board will do a lot of good.

Walls made of concrete, cinder and similar block don't present this problem because they contain a lot of holes, which absorb sound. If you paint the inside of these walls you will decrease their sound-absorbing capability.



THIS SOUND-CONDITIONED family room provides a good location for the stereo. The thick carpeting and upholstered furniture muffle excess noise; the tall, solid-back bookcase serves as a sound shield for the adjoining room; and the Armstrong Chandelier acoustical ceiling helps intercept the music before it can spread upstairs.

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An entire new line of 1978 refrigerators is currently being introduced by Frigidaire division of General Motors that is specifically designed to provide the homemaker with every possible convenience while actually reducing energy consumption.

For example, a revolutionary "Food-Life Preserver" system has been developed and is featured in two of their side-by-side refrigerator-freezer models.

This amazing new system makes it possible to safely store unwrapped food in a moist-cold drawer. Uncovered foods can be kept in the "Unwrapped Food Drawer" from three to five days without drying out.

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The true pacemaker among the new line of Frigidaire refrigerators is the 19.9-cubic-foot top freezer model, "The Refreshment Center," featuring through the door service of the family's favorite beverages.

At the touch of a finger and without opening the door, the unit will deliver party-size ice cubes, two separate aerated punches or beverages or chilled water that has been passed through a built-in activated charcoal filter for enhanced flavor and improved contaminant removal.

Last but not least, the new refrigerator line from Frigidaire is available in a beautiful decorator line of natural exterior colors such as Terra Cotta, Wheat, Avocado, Almond and Coffee, some with chrome and teak-wood trim.

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