

YOUR HOME

Bed linens important part of any home—basics for buyers

WHEN YOU'RE SETTING UP YOUR HOME you'll want to buy pillows and a comforter as well as sheets and pillowcases. It makes sense to select good quality linens that will last. Bed linens made of natural materials like cotton, or filled with down and feathers will give you years of comfortable sleep.

If you've just taken your own apartment, are making wedding plans or going off to school, you'll need certain bed linen basics. These include pillows, a comforter, and a mattress pad as well as linens.

The rule of thumb for buying sheets and pillowcases is to have one set on the bed, one in the laundry and one set in the closet. This way you'll always have clean linens in case you don't have a

chance to do a laundry or if you have unexpected company.

Company can always camp out on the sofa unless you have the room for overnight guests on a regular basis. If you do, you'll want to have an extra set of sheets, extra pillows and an extra comforter.

When you're starting out it pays to buy good quality items. The better pillow and comforter will give you more years of

comfortable sleep and actually cost you less because they will last longer than the less expensive ones.

Also we spend one third or more of our lives sleeping and if you don't get a good night's sleep you won't have a good day. An investment in your sleep is really one in your working and leisure time hours too.

There are certain tips to keep in mind when you

select a pillow. There's no perfect bed pillow for everyone and there's no way to tell about a pillow by just looking at it. You have to pick it up and handle it to see if it is comfortable to your touch.

See if it has the feel, elevation and firmness you like in a pillow. Then place your head on it and see if it still feels comfortable.

Pillows come in a wide

range of prices, types and sizes so you should consider how you want to sleep and what size bed you have.

Most manufacturers offer pillows which meet your firmness, elevation and size needs.

The top of the line is a down pillow; it is luxuriously soft and lightweight.

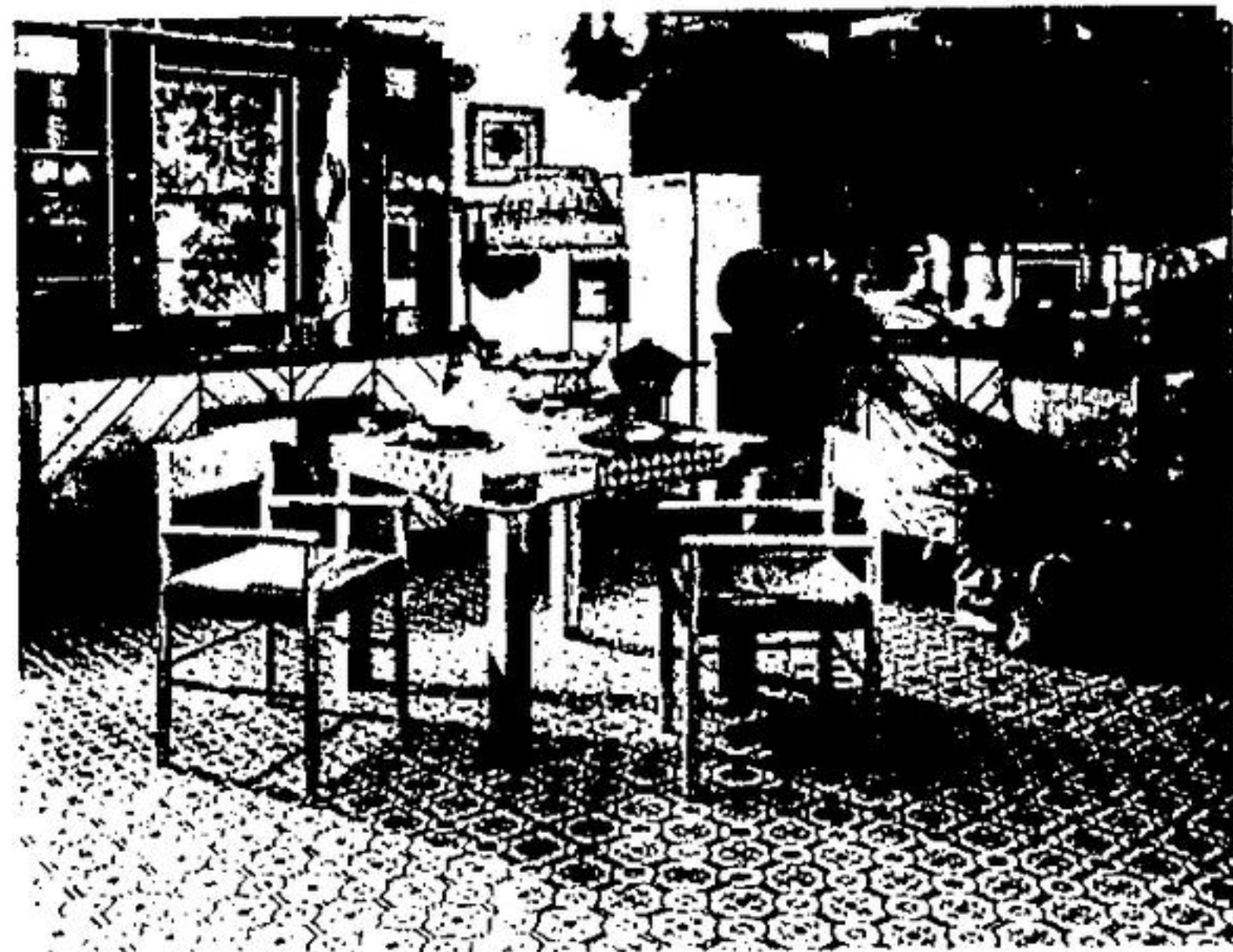
Next are the blends of feathers and down in various combinations which

determine the firmness. More feathers in the blend will make the pillow firmer.

There are also goose or duck feather pillows. These are the firmest and will also give you many years of comfortable sleep.

They are less expensive than an all down or blended feather and down pillow.

Gracious good living is back in style!



LOOK EXPENSIVE? It does but it isn't. This modern Natural Look kitchen was transformed from an out-of-date Fifties-style kitchen with lots of ingenuity and surprisingly little cash.

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 artful 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.

Budget-conscious cooks may still be preparing economy meals, but they're adding that extra touch of parsley, seasoning or sauce to turn "Sloppy Joe's" into delightful "Dapper Dan's!"

On the home decorating scene, there's never been a wider selection of lovely furniture, carpeting, wallcovering, accent pieces, art reproductions, and new creations for the homeowner to choose from in planning a true decor.

Of special interest to today's home decorator are the many new "project kits"

available, giving everyone a chance to put a little part of himself right into the home environment—whether it's in a custom-built floor underfoot, a crafted table at hand, or a painting looking down from the walls signed to certify its owner's pride in the home domain!

Good living quite naturally includes all the "extras," large and small, which make the home as fun and entertaining as it can possibly be.

With all the new advances made in home entertainment to soothe the senses—highest quality sound, perfect picture selection and control, electronic games to stimulate—it's no wonder that people are finding more and more reasons to stay at home!

Yes, 1978 is the best year yet for good living in every area, in every sense. And the best of all the new good life has to offer is the fact that you don't have to wander far in search of its pleasures. They're right behind your own front door!

Lavish effect, less cost... Natural-look decorating within everyone's reach

You don't have to spend a fortune for the Natural Look. Just because today's most popular decorating style makes lavish use of natural materials (and carries a high price tag) doesn't mean that you can't afford it. After all, natural materials don't come cheap.

But that reckons without man's (and woman's) capacity to improvise. For example, what could be a bigger challenge than turning a Fifties-style kitchen (one of those dated affairs with metal cabinets) into a modern Natural Look kitchen—without spending loads of money?

Yet that's what the editors of Family Circle's Great Ideas For Decorating Magazine did for their current issue. They improvised. Where possible, they substituted realistic-looking man-made materials for real but costlier natural materials, and relied heavily on do-it-yourself projects instead of hired labor.

The first order of business was to pick a color scheme. That's often the key to successful decorating.

Borrow color

A ready-made color scheme can usually be borrowed from your furniture upholstery, draperies or even a favorite picture. In this case, since the room was a kitchen, the floor was a logical place to start.

The editors selected an Armstrong vinyl tile that faithfully reproduces hand-made ceramic tile right down to the tiny "cracks" in the

"glazed" surface. (Actually, the surface is a tough, clear vinyl that won't absorb spills and cleans up easily.)

These Armstrong tiles are the do-it-yourself kind that can be installed by the average person in a matter of a few hours, because there's no need to spread adhesive. It's already on the back of the tiles.

The next step was to transform those metal cabinets to go with a Natural Look theme. The solution: contact paper in a pattern of random-width planks of knotty pine.

But first, the cabinets were painted a neutral color lifted from the colors in the new floor tiles. (The tiles are mis-

set, beige and gold against an off-white background.)

High illusion

Next, the contact paper was cut into strips between the "planks" and applied diagonally to the cabinets, leaving 3/16-inch between the strips for the paint to show through.

To unify the room elements, russet was picked for the color of the countertops and the window frame too. The window itself was given the charm of leaded glass through the application of a simple design formed from wood dowels and heavy cord, obtainable at any crafts store. The cord was backed to the edges of the frame and glued to the panes to make it hold.

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From the compact entrance foyerone moves naturally left and down two risers into the large rectangular living-dining room combination. The living room is sunken from the foyer and dining area and features wide front windows and a centrally-positioned fireplace for convivial entertaining. The elevated dining area has wide windows overlooking the patio and a convenient pocket door access to the kitchen.

The well-planned U-configuration kitchen separates the dining room from the large family room and breakfast bar combination, providing for simultaneous formal dining and casual family meals. Sliding glass doors between the family room and a large rear patio provide easy access to outdoor dining in fine weather.

A large den, immediately accessible from the main entrance foyer, provides a secluded space either for business conferences or for Dad's personal hideaway. A two-piece vanity bath, positioned between the family room and the den, is convenient to all downstairs areas of the home.

All four bedrooms are positioned around the large master bath, laundry complex and linen storage area. All have generous closets and view windows for natural lighting. The extensive master bedroom suite is in the form of an L-configuration with a bed-size alcove toward the front of the home and a spacious sitting room, occupying the majority of the floor area. A full walk-in closet is located behind an unobtrusive pocket door, as is the four-piece ensuite bath, which has double vanity sinks and tub.

Provision for an enclosed garden area has been included in the design, but the space could easily be employed for sculpture or other artifacts for those who prefer.

The large master bath complex also has double vanity sinks for greater convenience and, to allow for maximum flexibility, the tub and toilet are separately enclosed behind the space-saving pocket door. A side-by-side configuration of washer and dryer is neatly fitted into this complex, as is an ample linen storage closet. This laundry-utility positioning is perfectly suited to such a multi-bedroomed design, as it places these services exactly where they are most required.

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