

WARMTH, DIMENSION, STYLE — Three handsome textile wallcoverings and a coordinated fabric bring warmth, dimension and character to a small space. From the Therside Collection by Wallace, a geometric called "Herald Square" in wallcovering and fabric covers one wall and cushions, while a subtle stripe called "Madison Avenue" defines the alcove and repeats on screen, and a plain texture covers back wall and base of banquette. For a copy of "The Wallcovering How-To Handbook," send 50¢ to the Wallcovering Information Bureau, Dept. FB3, 66 Morris Avenue, Springfield, NJ 07081.

Let versatile wallcoverings set the mood of your decor

Wallcoverings can create a mood more effectively and at less cost than any other decorating tool. And today's wallcoverings run the gamut in decorating styles, from country and colonial, to traditional, to contemporary, to juvenile, according to the Wallcovering Information Bureau.

Recent additions to the country look are collections featuring needlework patterns and the timeless motifs from patchwork quilts and Americana folk art.

Reflecting a trend towards romance and elegance are the watercolor look, the new wallcoverings with just a hint of glitter showing through, and the light-reflective moiré, satin, damask and pearlescent looks.

In contemporary, the grids and small-scale geometrics and florals are still very popular, giving an upbeat, airy look.

Textures, both natural and vinyl, are being used to bring warmth and subtle interest to both traditional and contemporary furnishings. Included in this category are the look of grasscloth, basket weaves and corduroy, and handsome herringbone patterns, checks and stripes.

Particularly luxurious are the new textile wallcoverings, where thin or thick yarn is laminated to a paper backing.

Commercial builders have long known that painted walls can't compete with the tough vinyl wallcoverings when it comes to durability.

However, even the lighter-weight paper-backed wallcoverings can look fresh and new for many years with far less maintenance than painted walls would require.

This holds true in kitchens, bathrooms and children's rooms, as well as in high-traffic areas such as halls and family rooms.

An important consideration in selecting a wallcovering which will require little maintenance is to choose one with an overall pattern or texture. Obviously, a pattern with large

white areas will show more soiling.

Tips on selecting wallcoverings

- You'll probably be happiest living with the colors you like to wear, so choose the colors for your decorating scheme which make you look great.

- Tell the retailer what style you are looking for, what your price range is, and if you are going to hang it yourself, so you can be guided accordingly.

- Don't be too fussy in making your preliminary selections. After you have a half dozen or so, go over them again to narrow them down.

Booklet available

For a copy of "The Wallcovering How-To Handbook," giving tips on how to decorate with wallcoverings and instructions on how to hang them, send request with 50¢ to the Wallcovering Information Bureau, Dept. FB3, 66 Morris Avenue, Springfield, NJ 07081.

Wood mouldings add dimension

A home improvement needn't be expensive to give an ordinary room a look of elegance.

One way to do it is with wood mouldings, which are inexpensive, versatile, readily available and easy to use. They can work wonders in dull rooms by adding depth and dimension to walls, ceilings or doors.

Many possibilities

Designed to add visual interest to any room, wood mouldings can be painted to blend or contrast with other color schemes or they can be stained to accent the natural wood grain. They are suitable for virtually any interior decor from traditional to contemporary.

Works as border

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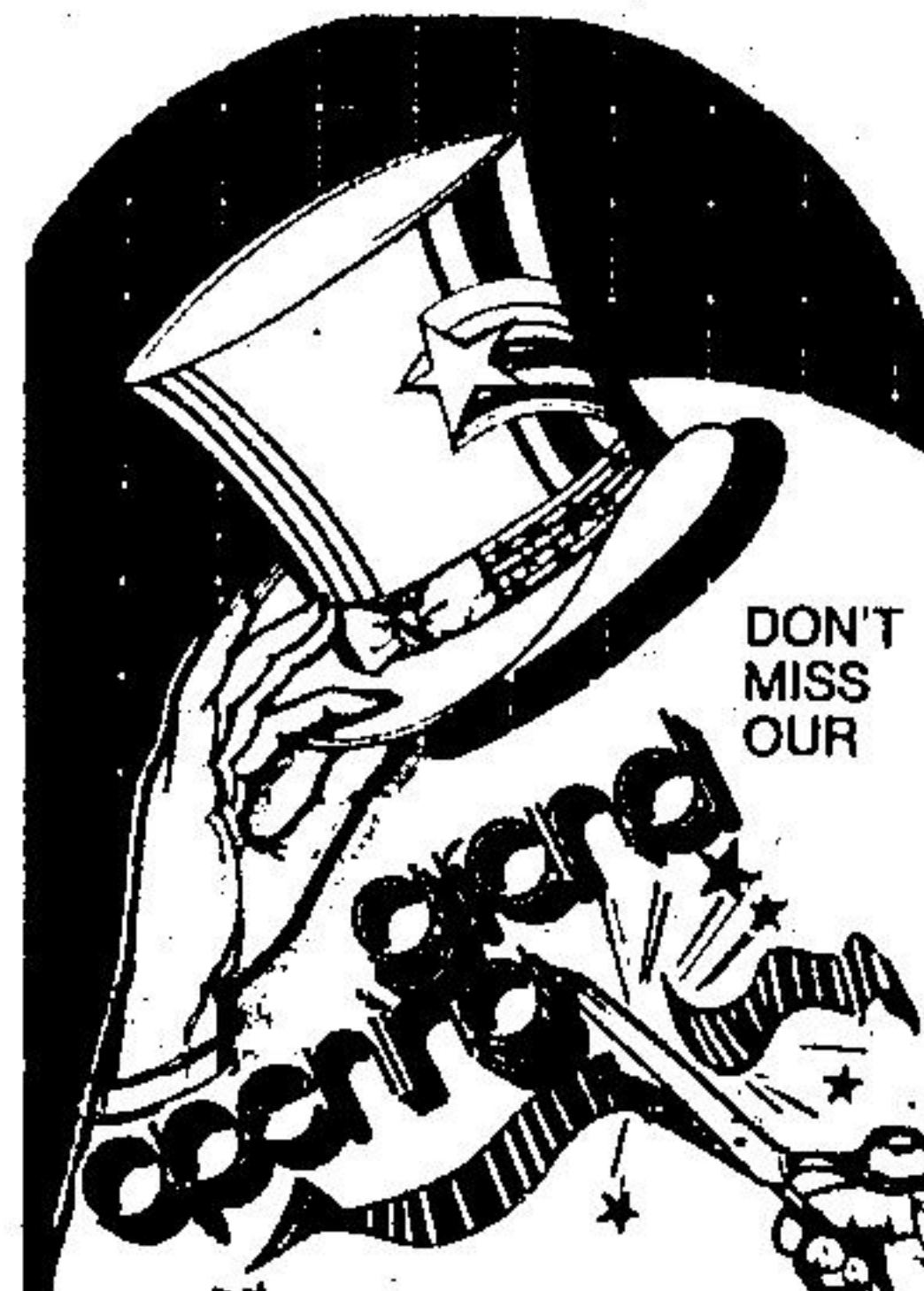
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Recent kitchen design trends

When you redesign your kitchen, that new kitchen plan will be uniquely yours. But you should be aware of some of the trends.

There is more greenery in the modern kitchens, helped largely by increasing use of "grow" lights, by greenhouse windows and by popular interest in decorative plants.

There is increasing interest in hobby activity in the kitchen, where the hobby is adaptable to it.

A "home headquarters" or office area, is becoming more important and the best place for it is in the kitchen or adjacent.

This should include a desk, drawers and filing space, the home intercom and phone, and it very definitely should be planned for the home computer which, like it or not, is in our future.

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