A mouse in the house: New way to solve old problem Get ready for winter

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killing device was introduced in 1895, and there have been countless variations on the theme since then, including a varicty of baits and traps.

Despite all this, we've often shared our homes with mice, especially as the weather cools in autumn.

keeping mice out of our homes...and of food. dispensing with them should they get in. One new product in particular solves the mouse problem in a unique, new way.

First, how can you discourage mice from crossing your threshold in the first place? Mount a general cleanup and remove all potential food sources.

Put all garbage in scaled plastic bags, then in sturdy garbage cans with secure lids. Store food in covered containers, Fortunately, there are effective ways of and be especially careful with bulk pet

If, despite your best attempts, you find mice or their signs in your home, there's something new you can try.

war against rodents comes from the d-CON Company, the leader in the rodenticide field for over 30 years, in the form of the d-CON® Mouse Killing Station.

The new product houses a proven bait in an inconspicuous container, which mice enter, feed and exit to die. A single feeding can kill a mouse.

Now there's no need to set traps, handle bait or face the unpleasant task of disposing of dead mice.

Living spaces complement and reflect varied personal lifestyles

The way we live now, and the emphasis that we place on comfort, warmth and practicality in our homes, has more to do with how we design, decorate and improve our living spaces than ever before.

Today's homes reflect a casual elegance which demonstrates a desire on our part to really live in - and enjoy - the spaces we call home.

Our homes are no longer showplaces, but retreats from the hectic pace of everyday fiving. Improving these spaces has become a way of appreciating the home as a place of comfort and enjoyment.

"Fixing up" our living spaces has quickly become the great American pastime, with most people considering it to be an enjoyable hobby or, at the very least, the protection and enhancement of a good investment.

Home improvement encompasses a wide range of indoor as well as outdoor projects. Painting, installing new siding, replacing rain gutters, repairing or installing a roof, building new additions, porches, patios or decks and landscaping the yard, are just a few ways to beautify and safeguard the home.

In addition, since the fall season has always been a time of new beginnings and new undertakings, many people feel compelled, at this time of the year, to reorganize closets, rake up leaves, and insulate homes for the cold months ahead.

Energy-efficient windows, carpeting, new doors and insulation are effective ways to cut heating bills, and can add to the aesthetic appeal of the home.

Decorating with paint, wallpaper and fabrics is a sure way to add warmth and individuality to a home, and hone a sense of style that is unique to you. Developing a personal style is easier than ever, because interior designs are more eclectic than in past years.

Art Deco can be seen mixed with Country French or Italian styling, while

American Country sits comfortably next to English Country, and European designs complement the new southwestern Santa Fe look.

Even if your home doesn't require major repairs, a little face-lift can never hurt. A good way to get started on any number of projects is first to make a checklist of things that need to be done, in order of importance.

Begin with major projects - those that will require more research, shopping around and money!

Many homeowners don't realize just how important it is to research the people who will be working for you.

Making sure that deadlines, costs, materials and procedures are spelled out in a contract before the work starts is the key to a successful job.

One of the most important things to remember when improving or renovating your home is that everything takes time.

Do not expect to complete projects overnight, sometimes even in a few months time. Many professional designers suggest developing a five-year plan where a certain number of projects are completed every year, while you build towards a certain look or style.

It's a practical way to improve your home - giving you the time you need to explore a number of home improvement

Pretty as a picture



A RECIPE FOR A YEAR-ROUND COUNTRY PICNIC: Mix blue and white checked, spatterware, Blue Willow and floral dishes with shining flatware and homespun napkins. Garnish with spacklessore canisters of daisies, and baskets (color washed and rag). JCPenney's recipe also recommends adding spice with a contented cow milk jug and a blueberry ple that is really ceramic art! Blend in a colorful blue and white striped sheet by Mary Emmerling and soft yellow napkins. The icing on the cake is a wooden chess set with black and white sheep as pawns. Now add the plenie foods of your choice!





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