

Fix cigarette burns in wood with wax

By Polly Fisher

POLLY'S POINTERS



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DEAR POLLY — I have a deep cigarette burn on my dining-room table. This is not just a scorch — it's actually a small hole. Is there any way I can repair it inexpensively? — G.R.W.

DEAR G.R.W. — You might try patching the hole with wax. Here's the procedure as described by George Grotz in his valuable book "The Furniture Doctor" (1962; Doubleday).

Clean out the hole with a knife and razor blade, scratching out the burned wood and finish so the hole to be filled is lower than the surface of the table's finish.

Select the type of wax you want to use. You can buy wax sticks in various furniture colors for this purpose in hardware stores and places that sell refinishing supplies. Or you can use ordinary crayons, which come in a wide variety of colors. Choose the color closest to your table color, or mix colors to achieve the exact shade.

Heat the wax over a gas flame or alcohol burner and let it dribble into the hole until the hole is filled. When the wax hardens slightly, with the dull blade of a table knife, scrape the wax until it is level with the surface of the finish. When level, smooth it with a finger tip.

To protect the wax patch, coat it with a thin layer of shellac; don't use varnish or lacquer, since the wax will bleed into them, leaving a gummy mess.

After the shellac is dry, you may varnish over the entire table top to achieve a uniform finish. — POLLY

DEAR POLLY — My mother had a very good idea for cutting my little girl's bangs. She would never stay still because she hated the cut hair that fell onto her face and into her eyes.

My mom took an envelope with a see-through window in it, opened it flat and taped it to my daughter's forehead so she could see out through the window! This kept the cut hair out of her eyes while my mother trimmed the bangs. My daughter got a kick out of it and we have had no trouble since. — PAM

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Polly will send you a Polly Dollar (\$1) if she uses your favorite Pointer, Peeve or Problem in her column. Write POLLY'S POINTERS in care of this newspaper.

Include all in birthday blowout

DEAR POLLY — To make birthdays happier, we let the birthday girl blow out her candles first, then we relight them for each of our children so they too can have a turn at blowing them out. — S.P.

DEAR S.P. — What a patient and clever mom! Have you ever had another child at the birthday party eagerly blow out the candles before the birthday child could do it? Now that's a party disaster! Another pointer along these lines is to give each child a cupcake with a candle on it, then let them all blow out their own.

Your helpful pointer earns you the Pointer of the Week award, a copy of my book "Polly's Pointers: 1,081 Helpful Hints for Making Everything Last Longer." Others may order it for \$6.50. Make your check payable to POLLY'S POINTERS and send to POLLY'S POINTERS, P.O. Box

93863, Cleveland, OH 44101-5863. — POLLY

DEAR POLLY — One day while making noodles, I ran out of places to hang the noodles. My husband suggested using plastic hangers. They worked great! — DIANE

DEAR POLLY — To remove excess salt from bacon, soak the bacon in cold water for a few minutes, drain, blot with paper towels, then fry. Try it — you'll like it. — STELLA

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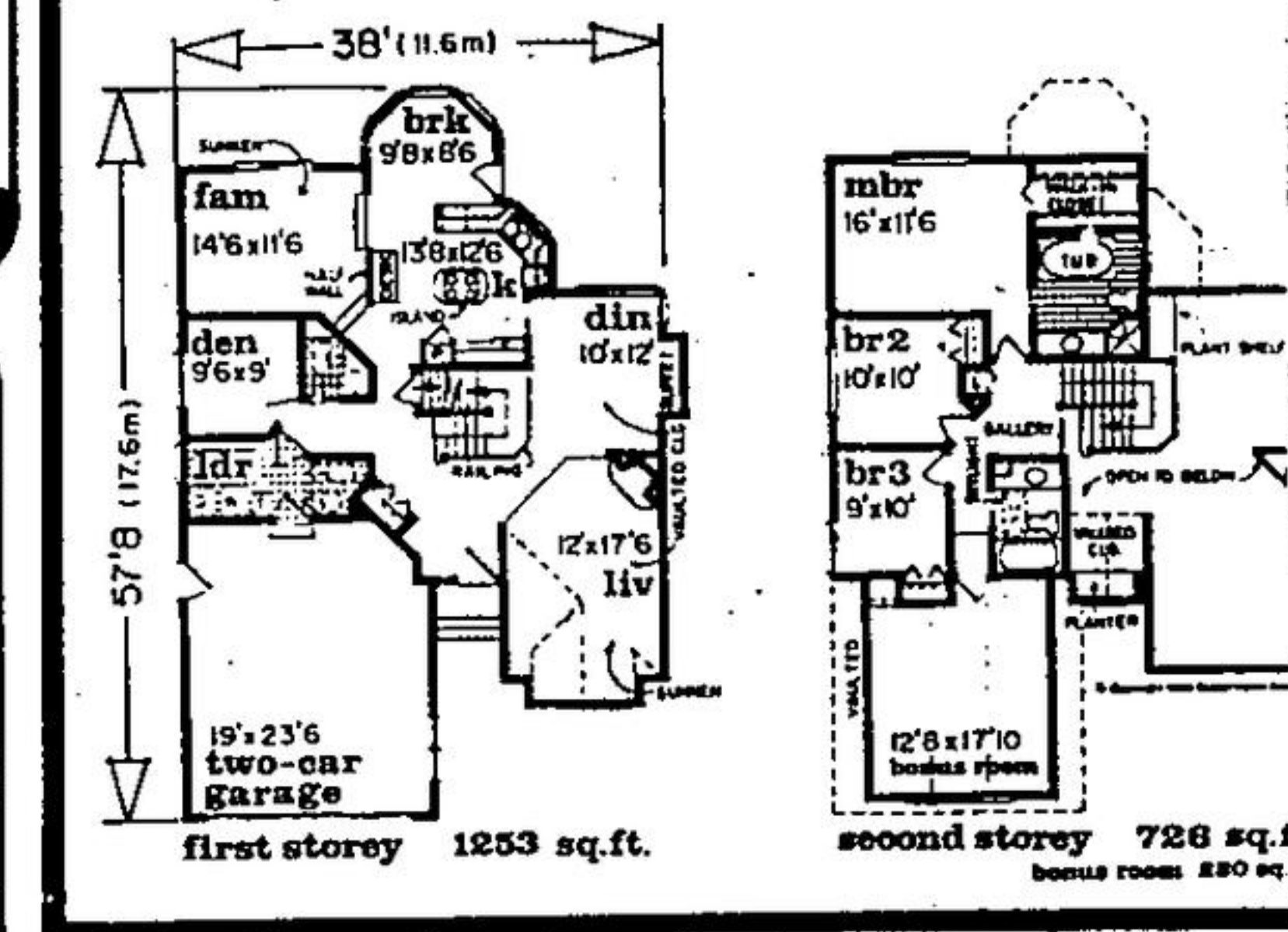
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