Rec room revival

Make your home fit for entertaining

"The recent trend of 'hiving'— entertaining guests in your home— has inspired many homeowners to revive their basement recreation room," says Cheryl West, Insulation Expert, Owens Corning. "While you're redecorating, why not go one step further and help protect your basement from moisture and maximize its comfort by upgrading your insulation?"

Recent events, both domestic and international, have re-ignited people's desire to stay close to home and reconnect with loved ones. By finishing or renovating basement rooms, homeowners can create great new entertaining spaces. Whether installing a home theatre, redecorating your games room or creating a lounge area, homeowners should start their renovations by upgrading their insulation.

Insulation renovation is an easy do-it-yourself project for homeowners. Begin by removing old drywall or paneling, seal any foundation leaks, and fill the space between wall studs using PINK FIBERGLAS insulation batts, finishing foundation walls with a vapour barrier and drywall. To improve the acoustics of the room, renovators should consider adding resilient channels across the studs of interior walls before installing the drywall finish.

Homeowners with unfinished basements may choose to install

wood frames to house insulation batts, or to save space while adding R-value, may choose to insulate using extruded polystyrene insulation panels. Owens Corning Celfort 200 panels are fastened to basement walls with furring or fasten a Cel-Lok system with metal channels before installing your drywall interior finish.

For homeowners that don't have time for do-it-yourself renovations, there are many skilled contractors that can upgrade household insulation and help with basement renovations.

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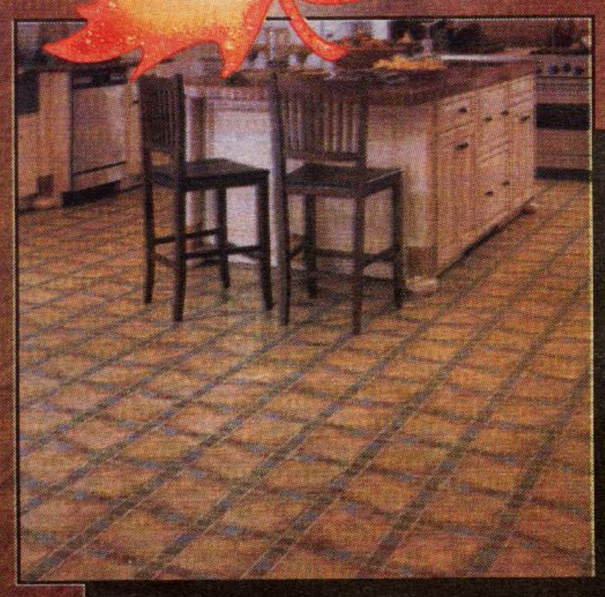

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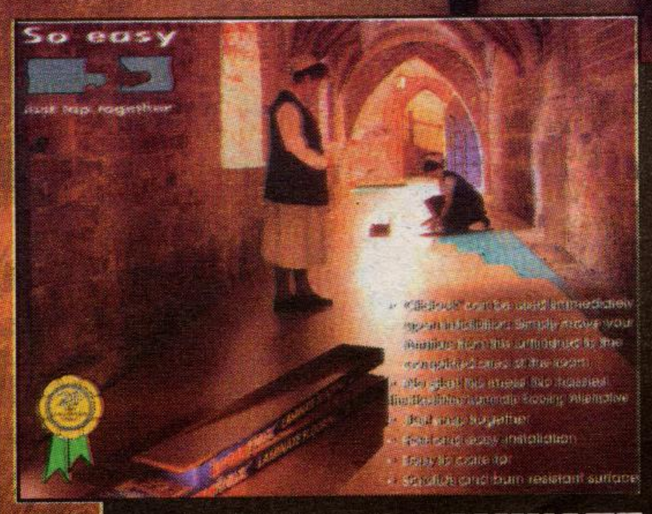

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