

## Wood windows save energy

Why would anyone replace the windows in their home before they've worn out? Because they're ugly, because they're too small, or because they waste energy.

One way to eliminate all three problems is with attractive, properly-sized windows that are designed to conserve energy.

Well-made wood windows, says the National Wood Window & Door Association, make it possible to have the large window areas that most homeowners prefer without increasing the cost of heating and cooling a home.

Available in a variety of styles, sizes and finishes at most local building supply outlets, wood windows are ready to install either by a do-it-yourselfer or a professional contractor.

All come with factory-applied weatherstripping to guard against heat-robbing air infiltration and double glazing to minimize heat loss through the glass area. Many also have an exterior cladding that all but eliminates the need for periodic painting.

Another thing to consider when replacing windows is the style. Select those that open to admit breezes.

Good ventilating units, such as casements which open to nearly 100 percent of their opening area, can reduce the need for air conditioning whenever there are cool breezes in warm weather. Double-hung and gliding windows open to nearly 50 percent of their sash opening area.

Where the windows are placed can also have a major impact on energy conservation. In cold climates where heating costs are the primary concern, face the largest window area south to take advantage of solar heat gain in winter.

In warm regions where air conditioning costs are paramount, place the largest window area facing north. No matter where you live, excessive heat gain through the windows can be reduced significantly by roof overhangs, awnings or deciduous trees.

### SAVE SPACE WITH WOODEN FOLDING DOORS

Wood folding doors which fold back upon themselves to save space are a good bet for closets near stairways, at the end of hallways and other areas where swing-out doors could interfere with household traffic.



FRESH COLOURS AND PATTERNS featuring Victoria Morland's new fabrics and wallcoverings brighten this inviting room.

For country or traditional decor ...

## English colours, designs add flair

Victoria Morland has created a design confection in a cheerful country breakfast room from her new "Book of English Country Decoration," a stylish collection of fabrics and wallcoverings now available.

Unexpectedly, she has chosen a document of French chateau origin for the walls and transformed it, as if by a magic colour palette, into an ideal wallcovering. As shown, it is a cornflower motif which she calls "Maisy," coloured in sunshine yellow and Delft Blue.

The layered tablecloth is a combination of "Kate" and "Kate Trellage" in matching colours from the wallpaper. Its crisp white ground echoes the ceiling, stairway, doors and wood trim, creating a décor unity.

The country, ladder-back antique chairs with seat pillows covered in harmonizing "Maisy" fabric with blue ribbon ties, the elm high chair, mahogany tea cart and the Mediterranean chinaware help set a theme

of happy hours spent with a loving family.

While this decorative theme is not representative of the majority of patterns in this new collection, it does demonstrate the eclectic range of Mrs. Morland's entire work.

Simple, original country prints and translations and re-colourations of documentary fabrics and papers demonstrate her creative versatility.

Mrs. Morland feels that a secondary dining area is a necessity in any home ... an informal place to gather for breakfast, brunch or afternoon tea. Such gatherings are a joyous time for family members and for informal entertaining.

Here, she has brought in the colours of the great outdoors, united with the universal theme of the flowering corn or the staff of life.

The new Victoria Morland Collection is now available from Raintree Designs.

## Don't wait for trouble; reroof before it's too late

Some people think the time to reroof is when it starts to leak. That's a mistake, says the Asphalt Roofing Manufacturers Association, because leaks can damage the roof deck, the rafters and seep down into walls. Another reason not to wait so long is that once leaks develop, the roof has to be replaced immediately. This could result in hasty rather than studied, logical decisions.

A roof of standard shingles that is more than 15 years old is ready for reroofing. If you can't determine the age of your roof look for cracked, curled or missing shingles. To ascertain the condition of the roof, take a walk around the house looking for signs of aging.

For a close-up look, use field glasses.

Don't go up on the roof to inspect it. It's dangerous and could cause additional damage to the shingles.

Should you determine that reroofing is in order, call in a professional roofing contractor who will conduct a thorough on-

the-roof inspection. He will be able to advise you on the cost of reroofing and the material to use.

Asphalt shingles, for example, are the most popular in both reroofing and new construction. They are economical, durable, attractive, easy to care for and offer the added benefit of fire safety. They come with a fiber glass or organic base in a wide range of colors and styles.

Especially desirable are three-dimensional asphalt shingles in attractive earthtone shades of browns and beiges that combine rugged appearance with colors that serve to relate a home to its environment. These low-maintenance shingles are designed to last up to 25 years or more.

To estimate the cost of a new roof, add the cost of materials and labor, and divide the total by the number of years the shingle is designed to last. It may turn out that the costlier shingle is less expensive because the cost of materials and labor is amortized over a longer period.

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