

Insulation shopping? Consider the r-value

If you're still shivering despite sky-high heating bills, maybe your home isn't properly insulated. The National Home Improvement Council points out that an estimated eight out of ten American homes may be inadequately insulated and that fuel costs may be cut by as much as 50 percent by installing the right kind of insulation in ceilings, walls and floors over unheated basements and crawl spaces.

To eliminate unnecessary heat loss in your home, NHC suggests the following:

- Check for insulation in the attic, basement and between floor joists. Adequate attic insulation alone can save homeowners an average 20 percent on winter fuel bills.

- In cold weather, measure the temperature of a wall which separates two rooms with that of a wall facing the outdoors. In a well-insulated home, the inside of the exterior wall should register only slightly cooler.

- When shopping for insulation, look for its R-value. The R-value measures the effectiveness of the insulation—the higher the R-value, the greater its ability to resist heat flow.

- Choose insulation designed to resist fire, corrosion and infestation.

- Follow installation instructions carefully, or consult an expert. Mistakes may leave you cold.

A variety of insulating materials is available to suit various homes, climates and price ranges. Popular insulation materials include fiberglass, rock wool, cellulose fiber, vermiculite foam and urethane.

Even after walls, ceilings and floors have been properly insulated, heat may escape through windows and doors. Caulking and weatherstripping storm windows and doors can save homeowners an additional 13 percent in fuel costs notes the Council.

The classic good looks of quality vinyl siding

A first class vinyl siding application can dramatically restore a home's original beauty or transform its appearance.

Easily applied over existing surfaces, solid vinyl siding lasts a lifetime, requires virtually no maintenance, and adds to the resale value of a home.

It enhances every style of architecture from colonial to ultra-modern, accenting the unique features of single and multi-family dwellings.

Striking blends

By mixing and matching the wide range of Bird solid vinyl colors and textures, homeowners can use their imagination to achieve striking effects.

A favored material for siding both new and older homes, solid vinyl from Bird & Son, inc., manufacturers of building materials in East Walpole, Mass., is available with matching trim accessories that add the finishing touches to a top notch appli-

cation.

Made of high density polystyrene, Bird's ornamental shutters give a home individuality and are easy to install on any type of surface.

The new Woodstead™ winter/summer storm door, constructed of structural foam polystyrene, resists the constant wear and tear caused by exposure to all types of weather.

Many homeowners are avoiding the maintenance problems of wood, asbestos and metal siding by turning to solid vinyl.

Virtually maintenance-free, solid vinyl siding is usually kept clean by rain. Stubborn stains can be removed with a garden hose or by rubbing with a mild detergent.

According to experts at Bird & Son, solid vinyl is a triumph of modern technology. It will not rot, peel, dent, rust or corrode.

Beautiful home innovation



MATERIALS LIST

Qty.	Description
4	4"x6"x12' G-P Lumber
2	4"x6"x8' Lumber
6	2"x8"x12' Lumber
31	2"x4"x8' Lumber
9	2"x4"x6' Lumber
12	Concrete Foundation Blocks
1	2"x6"x8' Lumber
6	6" Lag Bolts
3	4"x6" Metal Hangers
	Galvanized Nails

Construct a two-tier deck for handsome outdoor enjoyment

A redwood deck can make even a small yard delightful! A place to relax, entertain, sunbathe or garden, a deck is like an extra room—outdoors.

This two-tier deck was designed to fit small spaces. But it's also an interesting free-form design for a larger yard.

Either way, it's a flexible plan for backyard entertaining or a beautiful front entry.

Materials should be selected with care for quality and economy. Whether you choose redwood, pine, fir or cedar, be sure you select the right lumber grade for the purpose.

The best way to avoid overspending is:

- 1) Buy the lowest grade of lumber that will do the job.
- 2) Buy the smallest quantity possible.

Because it's handsome, durable and economical, Georgia-Pacific's garden grade and Bee Redwood are ideal products for decks, fences, any outdoor project.

Redwood's decay resistance, easy workability and good looks are well known. And Georgia-Pacific's Bee and garden grades put redwood in a price category comparable to other commercial softwoods.

Garden grade redwood features knots and streaks of cream-colored sapwood which give it a rustic look and

attractive coloration. Light but strong, it is easy to work with and well-suited to all outdoor uses.

Redwood reacts individually to climate, location and choice of finish. If a soft, driftwood gray color is desired, leave the wood unfinished to weather naturally. To maintain the "redwood" color, use a stain.

And to give the most lasting protection to garden redwood, G-P recommends application of one easy-to-apply coat of water repellent, either as under-coat or as the sole finish to reduce the effects of moisture and protect from dirt.

Wood louver doors are home naturals

The natural look is in, especially in home decorating. And, what could be more natural than the look and warmth of wood.

Nowhere is the combination of form and function more versatile than in wood louver doors. Because they are attractive as well as efficient, wood louver doors are popular in homes ranging from colonial to contemporary design.

Available as folding or sliding units, wood louver doors are excellent choices for closets in narrow hallways or foyers where there is little room for ordinary swing out doors.

In either folding or sliding styles, these doors can be obtained either fully louvered or with louvers in the top half and closed panels in the bottom half.

The slats permit the free circulation of air to keep clothes fresh smelling and free of mildew. This characteristic also makes wood louver doors popular decorating choices for high humidity areas such as laundry rooms, baths and kitchens.

Louver doors also make eye-appealing wall accents when used singly or in pairs, or they can be used as room dividers or connecting doors.

Wood louver doors can be painted to accent or blend with room colors. Or they can be stained to enhance the natural wood grain.

Easy to install and available in stock sizes at local lumber dealers or building supply centers, wood louver doors can be a relatively inexpensive home improvement for a do-it-yourselfer.

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