

How the Magic of Colour May be Used in Making the Home

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Colors can completely change the effect of your home. Decorators and architects consciously use color to make a house seem larger or smaller, the rooms higher or lower. Certain color arrangements can accent good line or conceal bad proportion; they can completely change its spirit.

To create a feeling of space and light, use light colors, those mixed with white, as the groundwork of your plan. For instance, a gray background used throughout the whole house, brightened with light shades, yellow, pale green, French blue, coral, any light bright tone, their intensity varied in the different rooms, will add a feeling of space and make your too dark rooms

appear much brighter. Sun shades such as yellow, ivory, light gold and chartreuse, should be included in the rooms with little sunlight.

In a too large or rather empty appearing house, the opposite is true. Rich dark shades should be selected. The vogue for dark backgrounds with light accessories is a great help if your home stands out in the blazing sun. The general rule if you wish to draw together a large room is to use deep glowing colors, rich textures and warm accents of brighter hues. All shades of blue and green cool a room and temper too bright sunlight.

If there's part of your room that you particularly do like, such as a charming alcove, good windows, or one wall that you wish to accent, completely cover this part of the room with a sharp contrast in color, so it will stand out definitely against the other wall space.

One of the new freedoms in the handling of wall paper makes it pos-

sible to use paper on two or three walls instead of all four and the effects are often more satisfactory and charming than when put on all four. Of course when used on fewer walls there must be a sense of intention and design. If the results are just queer, more harm than good is done. Shaded and different papers in graded colors offer many opportunities for individual handling.

Often we find a pattern of wallpaper sold in several numbers which differ only in color. Interesting effects can be had by using two of these in the same room instead of one throughout.

If a room has a fine fireplace on one side which acts as a focus for the eye, wall paper may be chosen to be subordinate to this interesting architectural feature. The opposite wall, however, may frequently profit by a stronger paper of compensate or balance the fireplace wall.

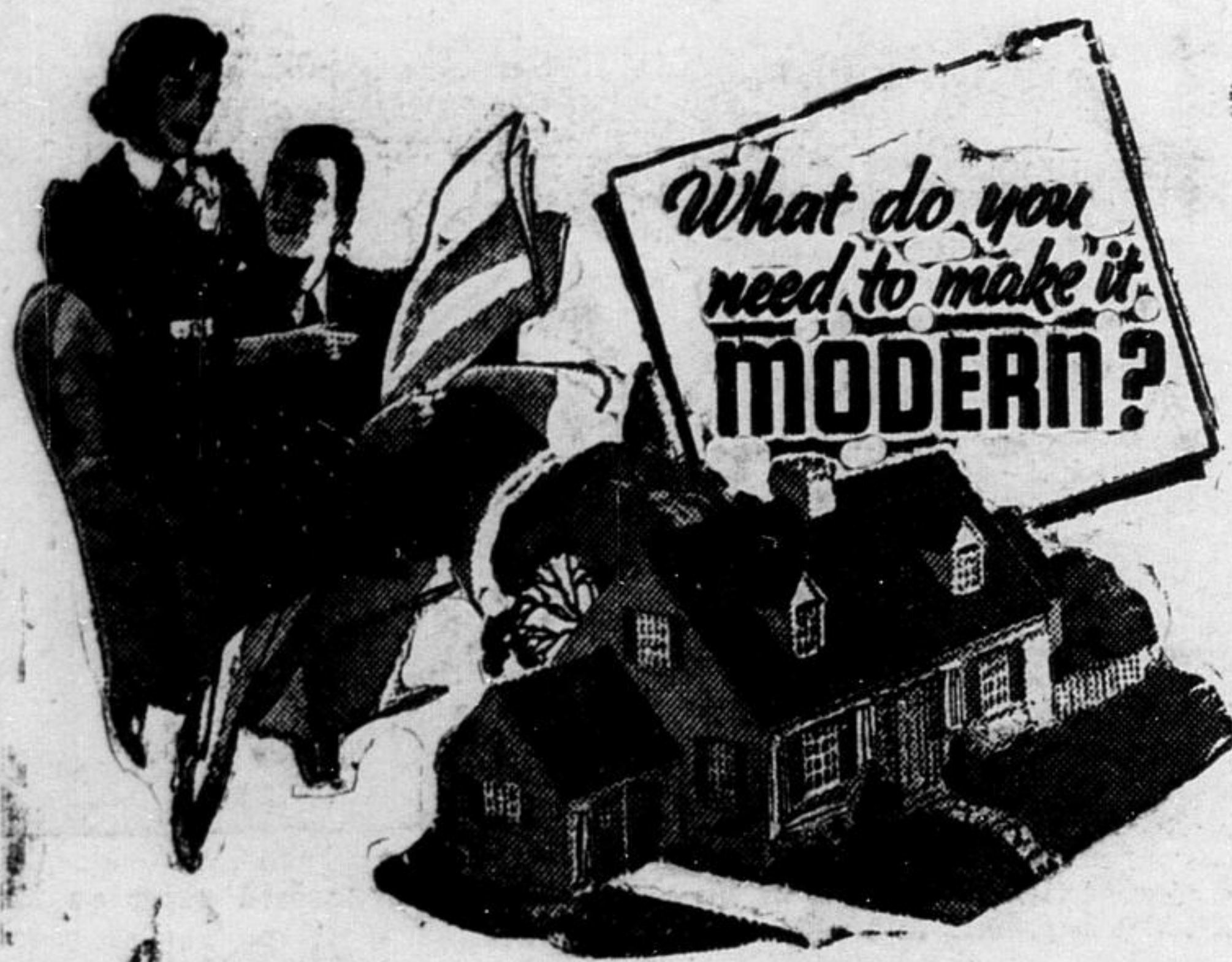
Some of the Spring Touch-ups Needed Around the Home

Check up on This List to See That Nothing is Overlooked.

You're "touching up" the home? You don't want to overlook any little need?

Well check up on this list:—

- Cover old siding or stucco with shingles or new stucco.
- Replace broken or cracked glass.
- Build new screens and repair old ones.
- Put on shutters all way around to improve exterior.
- Cut additional windows for more light and better appearance.
- Build and install flower boxes under windows.
- Replace old roof with new decorative one.
- Replace broken, loose, or missing shingles.
- Add new dormer windows.
- Replace broken, loose or missing balusters.
- Replace broken or loose floor boards.
- Re-design and build entirely new porch.
- Enlarge existing porch.
- Build entirely new steps.
- Install lattice work to hide spaces under porch and steps.
- Enclose porch with frames and build screens.
- Install built-in seats on porch.
- Build porch flower boxes.
- Enlarge capacity of garage.
- Install new set of easy-opening doors.
- Build new partitions for fruit room, laundry, etc.
- Build new shelves, bins, and storage area in basement.
- Lay wood floor over concrete for warmth and footease.
- Build recreation room with wood panelled walls in basement.
- Lay new wood floor over all old flooring.
- Install new, up-to-date front door.
- Build in corner cupboards in dining room.
- Panel living room and dining room.
- Build new battery of kitchen cupboards.
- Build half partition and install breakfast nook.
- Build new and convenient place for electric refrigerator.
- Install casement windows over kitchen sink.
- Build new broom, mop, and cleaner closet.
- Repair and refit sticking doors and windows.
- Install new modern wood trim and baseboards.
- Waterproof the basement walls if wet or damp.
- Look for leaking taps and replace worn out washers.
- Repair rutted driveway with fresh load of gravel.



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Drapes for Two Windows Set Very Close Together

(By Phyllis Field Cooper)

QUESTION: In our living room we have a group of two windows practically together as they are separated by only about a foot of plastered wall. I would like to know how I could drape them as one window?

ANSWER: A very satisfactory treatment would be to hang one full-width lined drapery at each end of your window unit and have a wood cornice made for the top the entire width of the window unit. If the woodwork is light and nearly like the walls in color, you could have the cornice painted to match. On the foot of plaster wall between the two windows you might hang either a wall-shelf or have a piece of mirrored plate glass made to fit the entire space. To complete this window unit place a pedestal reading table of rectangular shape in "set out" arrangement from the wall and on it place a lamp at the wall end. On either side place two chairs—one could be a lounge chair and the other an arm writing chair of good style.

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