

# Home & Garden

## House painting should promote the positive features

If you're thinking about giving the exterior of your house a face-lift with paint, the selection of colors and where they are applied is very important for the best results.

David Beech, Manager - Color and Design, Para Inc. has a few hints that will help you get started.

First, always play up the good features, such as interesting architectural details, with a contrasting color. Conversely, play down bad or unattractive features by painting them in the same color as the rest of the paintwork so that they virtually fade into the walls or background. ie. downspouts should always be deemphasized, the same goes for

the ubiquitous garage doors, that always seem larger than life in many suburban homes, or the newer city townhouses.

Consider your surroundings and select colors that are compatible. Pastels are great in sunny climates, but more subdued tones may be more appropriate elsewhere. Also consider the relationship with other houses in the area. If you live on a street with a hybrid collection of houses, then you can simply treat your house on its own merits. Where there's a group of houses with common character, then it's best to respect this relationship. However, don't copy your neighbor's scheme just for the sake of it. Be original.

When planning your color scheme, don't forget to consider existing elements that cannot be changed, or you do not want to change at this time, such as roofing, brickwork or pre-finished siding.

Painting over brick will do wonders for a nondescript or dreary facade, but remember that once painted, brick will always need upkeep. Plaster pillars, porches, canopies, etc., should be painted the same color as the walls, or to match any other mouldings.

Consider insulating properties. Dark colors absorb the heat of the sun; light colors reflect it. Choosing the right color can also help cut your energy bills.

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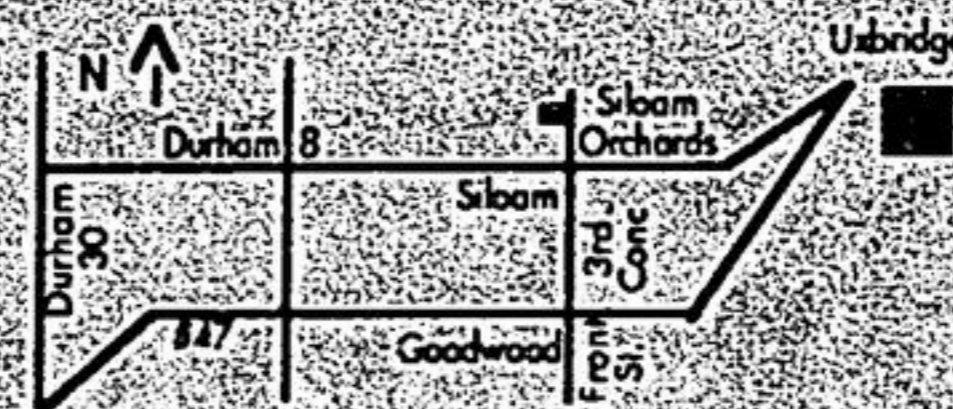
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