

HOME PLANNING

Coloring Up the Home—Small Home Plans
The Kitchen Guide—Garden Makes Home

Color Helps Make House Has Many Quaint Old Traditions

A front door painted blue in the Mezzanotte county of Pennsylvania means that there is a marriageable daughter within. In Mexico, painting the window this blue is said to keep out devils.

Quaint traditions are associated with colors the world over, but the only tradition the house builder in the United States need bother about are the ones which associate certain colors with certain types of architecture.

Williamsburg Old Suggestion
For instance, they say, in a home of a colonial type it is possible to take advantage of the lovely yellow shades that the restoration of the original Williamsburg has suggested.

Various sources indicate that the favorite outside colors today are white, ivory, cream, silver gray, and other light warm tints.

There is, however, another point to consider before selecting a color scheme. Only cream home may have been a shining white village. But when painted have to be washed, a darker shade may be more practical if the home is to be exposed to a city's soot and grime.

Dark Colors sometimes help to make a house look smaller, so to speak. It is suggested that the roof should be taken into consideration whatever body color may be decided upon. Many an otherwise charming home has been spoiled by an unattractive roof which should have been part of the color scheme, blending with it or forming an interesting contrast.

To achieve an attractive outside color on a modern small home, a combination of factors are necessary. One should have in mind the type of the house, its immediate surroundings, both immediate and neighboring houses, and local conditions. It is vitally important to use good paint and good workmanship.

As A Woman Sees A Home
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Where kitchen space is at a premium, as in apartments, flats and extremely small single houses, the kitchen designer is at no loss to provide adequate facilities for the creation of a truly work-saving modern kitchen arrangement. The photograph on this page shows that. Could anything be more complete, yet provide so much usable working surfaces and storage area?

These space permits, of course, the well cabinets are most carried up beyond the average woman's reach, as in this plan. Yet how else could sufficient space for storage be here provided? Even this plan is admittedly not so satisfactory as having the top shelves within each reach. It is a simple matter to place one's storage as to place only infrequently used items on the more inaccessible shelves.

Plan in this small unit, as in all well designed kitchen, excellent electrical conveniences play an important part. Here you will note some of them under the right-hand cabinet.

No sacrifice of continuous work-top is made, however small the space. For this is truly an essential of step-saving. How convenient it is not to have to search for the electric mixer, for example, in some dark cupboard, drag it over to the kitchen table, being careful not to drop it, and then to bring it back up to the counter to use. The floor covering is linoleum in a black and cream checked pattern.

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Inasmuch as plumbing fixtures are useless until installed, home owners should insist on getting a price which includes installation. The installed price is the only reliable basis of comparison in plumbing and heating.

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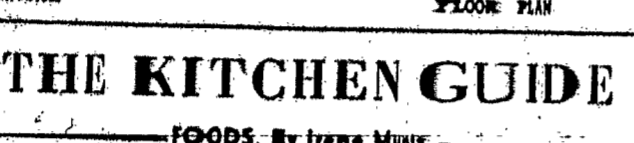
HOUSING FOR THE LITTLE FARM



COLONIAL architecture lends itself well to rural and semi-rural surroundings. Nothing has been omitted from this design to produce a complete farm house. It is best suited to a small farm.

The utility room, located off of the kitchen, is an ideal space in which to store tools and working clothes.

There is an attic in this house that will find many uses and could be a pitched eave as a large extra bedroom.



FLOOR PLAN

THE KITCHEN GUIDE

FOODS, By Irene Munn

MEAT COOKING METHODS
The important principle in meat cooking is to choose the right cooking method for each cut. Those cuts which are tender or which require long, slow cooking for best results are cooked by moist heat—that is, they are braised or cooked in water. Other cuts are cooked by roasting, broiling or parbroiling.

ROASTING
Suitable cuts: Ribs of beef, loin, shoulder and leg (ham); pork, leg and shoulder of lamb; leg, loin, ribs and shoulder of veal.

BROILING
Suitable cuts: Tender steaks of beef and beef patties; shoulder, ribs and loin chops of lamb and lamb patties; smoked ham slices and bacon.

PARBROILING
Cuts cooked by broiling are also suitable for parbroiling.

LIVER SAUSAGE VALUABLE FOOD
Here's an idea the children will love. Lay the slices of broiled liver sausage on toasted buns with slices of raw onion or a generous covering of chopped pickles. Liver you know, is good for everyone young and old alike. Liver sausage gives us the same nutrients as liver in its original form: iron, copper, phosphorus, high quality protein and essential vitamins.

HOT ATTIC ROOMS
If the top-floor rooms are hot in the Spring and Summer, the first thing to do is to see if there is proper ventilation of the attic space above. Just the presence of windows is not enough; they must be opened. And that is a nuisance, for they must be closed every time it rains. If possible, louvers should be inserted in the gable ends and so located that good air circulation is possible.

Small Homes Can Be Unconventional
The interiors of small homes can represent a departure from conventional interiors. While extravagantly furnished interiors are out of the question in this class of dwelling, they should be planned and decorated and furnished with definite purpose and in a distinctive character.

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Complete Home With A Garden

Arbors, Lattice Add To Beauty

No home is truly complete without an adequate garden, and this applies equally to new or old, beautiful or ugly houses. It frequently happens that an ordinary house can be made most attractive by careful treatment of the grounds.

When made, two-thirds of the purchase price covers transportation, labor, marketing and profit. The other third represents cost of materials. If the home owner is willing to use simple designs and to do the necessary carpentry and painting he can build any of these pieces at about one-third the average ready-built cost by purchasing the materials at local building material yards.

Garden Items Used
Outdoor structural items which every home should have need not be exclusively ornamental. Arbors for supporting climbing flowers or grapevines, lattice trellises around doorways and bay windows have definite uses. Pergolas and colonnades in the garden or as part of a front or side porch make a home more complete. Lattice garden houses, hot tea platforms on the lawn with bright painted seats, latticed enclosures for sleeping porches, or lattice screens for privacy are also very useful.

Trellis fences enclosing kitchen yards or other service areas are practical in that they separate the outdoor living part of the yard from the service sections.

Light lumber is used almost exclusively in the construction of garden furniture. In nearly all cases the material is dressed on four sides and may be obtained in the exact dimensions required, in almost any short or long length needed.

Painting Garden Furniture
A good rule for painting the garden furniture, whether one intends to use stain or lead and oil paint, is to apply a coat on the lumber as soon as it is delivered to the house, painting one coat on all sides and edges. Forgetting to paint the ends thoroughly. This keeps undue moisture from penetrating and rotting "check cracks" in the lumber. When the painted ends are trimmed off to their finish size, the wood should immediately be repainted.

Pergolas and lattice fences may be finished in darker stains or brightly painted effects. Pergolas more often have white columns and white or pale green beams. Lattice fences are frequently stained with a thin light green creosote shingle stain which shows the natural grain. When the pergola beams or lattice strips are to be used rough they must be stained and not painted. Rough lumber can be painted with lead and oil paint, but it is not economical to do so, the wood absorbing readily. The color scheme of the garden pieces, however, is a matter for the individual to decide.

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