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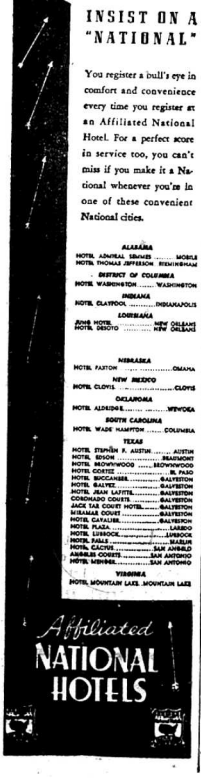

Woman's World

Use Clever Wallpaper Tricks To Conceal Defects of Rooms

By Ertta Haley

VERY FEW OF US live in architecturally perfect surroundings, but a reasonable facsimile of perfection can be achieved if we use decorator tricks to mask the defects which surround us.

Don't throw up your hands in discouragement over a long, narrow dining or living room, a dark bedroom or a cheerless kitchen. These are problems which professional decorators face every day in their careers and solve almost to perfection.

Color, lines, design and furnishings have much to do with getting good effects. Armed with a few basic principles, you can change the effect of many a room and make it closer to your ideal.

If you have the feeling that you want to push your walls out to give a feeling of space and light, here are some sure-fire tricks to give you that effect.

As every woman knows, light colors tend to make her figure larger while the dark shades appear to slenderize. So, to make the room look lighter and larger concentrate on lighter shades of wallpaper. A background of a small pattern or pale shades of wallpaper such as cool blues, greys, greens, cream, ivory and oyster white make rooms look large. The lighter the color of the room and its furnishings the more the walls seem to melt away and give the illusion of space. Use small trim pieces of furniture, avoiding those enormous overstuffed monstrosities you so frequently see and you actually will have more space in which to move about.

Make long, narrow rooms look square . . .

Reduce Room Size With These Tips

On the other hand, if you have tremendously large rooms and you want to pull the walls closer about you, put the room on a sort of reducing diet of dark colors. Warm shades, such as red, terra cotta, cocoa, rose and the like, rather creep up on you and make a room seem smaller.

If, however the room is on the dark side of the street and you don't ever get very much light, use moderate shades of the colors just mentioned. In this type of room the furniture may be scaled on larger proportions to take up space and pull the space together somewhat.

It's smart to have the woodwork the same color or a shade lighter than the basic shade of the wallpaper if the room is small because dark-colored baseboards, doors, mantles, window and cornices all minimize the size of the room. If the room is very small, trim it a bit by pulling out some of these things such as a mantle to give more space.

And working rooms attractive

Shape of Room Can Be Changed

If the shape of the room rather than the size is your problem, there's a solution to that, too.

If the room is long and narrow try doing three walls with a plain colored or a small-patterned paper and then accentuating the fourth wall with a dark color or a bold pattern. This makes the room seem almost square. Another excellent way to increase the depth of one side of the room is by using scenic paper on that wall to contrast with plain or striped paper on the other three.

You may prefer to use contrasting colors to make a room longer or wider. To do this, choose two styles which harmonize yet present a strong contrast; cover both side walls with one pattern and both end walls with the other.

Ceilings often are neglected when we do over a room, but treated properly they can be an important part of the decorative scheme.

If the ceilings in your rooms are low, they can be increased in height by using white or a paler shade of color than that used in the walls.

Pale ceilings improve the natural lighting of the room, while dark colors absorb light and also lower the apparent height of the room.

Horizontal stripes also will lower the ceiling while vertical stripes have just the opposite effect. Still another method used for making the over-tall room better proportioned is to lower the molding. Molding may be lowered 12 to 18 inches from the ceiling or by constructing a deep valance or cornice covered with paper to match the rest of the wall.

Mold Room Together With These Tricks

No room ever completely satisfies its owner. There are either too many niches or jogs or too many unbroken areas. Wallpaper can be the means of tying these jogs into the main center or it can be equally useful in creating artificial divisions.

Dining alcoves can be turned into attractive nooks by paper which is a complete contrast from the rest of the room.

If your kitchen seems bleak and cheerless, cut its size by using a lovely plaid or trellise print paper on the top half, with tiling or plain paper on the lower half.

If you'd like a fireplace but can't have it, you can get the same sort of friendly cozy conversation place by grouping two or three chairs around a scenic wall in an otherwise muted room. Or you can make believe you're near a garden just by covering one of the walls with an ivy-type or garden flower paper.

These are but a few suggestions by which you can reshape your home. Look over the situation, then let your imagination take full rein while wallpaper is the elastic which can stretch and shrink your walls to give you just the illusion you want.

Peasant Skirt

Alice of California cuts out this full-skirted peasant skirt dress with a slim top. Over the basic peasant dress is an "over-and-under" skirt which can be worn over the dress or under it (between the white beruffled petticoat and the dress). The overskirt buttons on with a wide back overlap.

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Civil Rights Boomerang

IRONICALLY enough, senators from 12 southern states, where the professional politicians have broken with President Truman and the Democratic party over civil rights, had this issue thrown slap-bang at them in senate debate over the legislation for congressional approval of the southern states' compact on regional education.

And the boomerang hit hardest over the segregation issue which incensed southerners most in the President's civil rights message. It seems southern states want to build regional schools of higher learning under an agreement between the 12 southern states which signed the compact.

Education under the federal constitution is purely a state function so these states have a right to provide for segregated schools within their several states but when they go beyond the boundaries of their individual states to include 12 states, a federal question is raised.

One of the outstanding constitutional lawyers in the senate is Sen Wayne Morse of Oregon, former dean of the Oregon law school. Senator Morse contended federal approval of the contract was unnecessary. If it is necessary, as the southern senators contend, then it is in the realm of federal constitutionality and "we would violate the constitution by not laying down a requirement of no discrimination on the basis of race, color, or creed."

"I appreciate the fact," Senator Morse said, "that the civil rights issue is a burning issue within the Democratic party, but I am not at all desirous of having the Republican party solve the problem for the Democratic party except on the basis of a solution which is right."

"I believe that the Republicans in the United States senate cannot take a 'walk-out powder' on this issue. We either stand against segregation on a regional basis or we are for segregation. If the Republican party approves this compact then the people of the United States will be justified in believing that we are really against the objective of eliminating segregation."

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Mississippi Parley

What effect the recent Mississippi convention will have on the fortunes of the Democratic party is difficult to determine. If the southerners don't get their way at Philadelphia, they voted to hold a rump convention over the civil rights issue. The national Democratic party platform adopted by the 1944 Democratic national convention, on civil rights reads as follows:

"We believe that racial and religious minorities have the right to live, develop and vote equally with all citizens and share the rights that are guaranteed by our constitution. Congress should exert its full constitutional powers to protect those rights."

A person needs only to be an American citizen to subscribe fully to that declaration of constitutional principles.

Elected to the senate in 1944 and supposedly subscribing to the national platform were the following senators: Hill of Alabama, Fulbright of Arkansas, Pepper of Florida, George of Georgia, Overton of Louisiana, Tydings of Maryland, Hoey of North Carolina, Johnston of South Carolina, and Robertson of Virginia and Connally of Texas, both elected in 1946.

If there is any comfort in the fact for these southerners, the GOP 1944 platform contained planks against racial or religious prejudice, against the poll tax, an anti-lynching plank and for a permanent fair employment practices commission.

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1948 Outlook

President Truman's demand for a long-range farm program likely will fall on deaf ears, since the GOP steering committee has been unable thus far to agree on a program in the party's own behalf. On the labor front, the nation can look forward to a period of strikes in many important industries including steel, autos and electrical. Many small industries have granted wage increases but big industries are standing pat against any wage boosts now. A person has only to go to the grocery for the week's supplies to understand the worker's desire for more money.

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More Planes

Alerted and tooled-up, the nation's aircraft industry is prepared to tackle at once the production of 4,200 new air force and navy planes, funds for which the President almost certainly will approve. Time is the motivating factor.

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The Coral sea battle was the first great naval defeat ever dealt the imperial Japanese fleets. And yet this battle was fought entirely in the air, by the planes of opposing aircraft carriers.

The ships engaged in this battle never got sight of each other. They slugged it out without firing a single gun at another ship—the first engagement of its kind in history. In this first great victory for the U. S. in this global war the Japs lost more than 15 ships sunk and at least 20 others severely damaged. The action perhaps saved Australia from invasion.

However, America paid a high price for her victory in the sultry Coral sea. In this engagement the aircraft carrier, Lexington, famed ship that laid the foundation of our modern navy's aircraft carrier operations, went to the bottom. This happened on May 7.

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