

## Decorator Wallcovering Used Throughout Home

RALEIGH -- Washable wallcoverings are attractive as well as practical. And with sofas and comfortable chairs taking a back seat in decorators' eyes, accessories and interesting rugs and wallcoverings are gaining favor.

"In fact," notes Mrs. Edith McGlamery, extension house furnishings specialist, North Carolina State University, "people who previously had only the bathroom and kitchen wallpapered are choosing prints and stripes for the dining room, bedrooms and living room."

Newest on the wallpaper scene are handsome phonies that simulate marble, stone, leather, wood and fabric but are far easier to care for than their real counterparts.

Many of these wallpapers come with pre-pasted backing—a boon for do-it-yourselfers. Other types are stripable for those who redecorate often, the specialist says.

Fabric wallcoverings look expensive and often are, but their unique textured appearance makes the cost worthwhile if they last a long time. Make sure, therefore, that the silk or linen is impregnated with plastic to make it washable,

and backed with more fabric or paper to make it durable.

Polyvinyl chloride is the most scrubbable of the vinyls, while plastic coating over ordinary wallpaper is the most fragile. Since all vinyls can be wiped with soap or detergent and water, a homeowner should consider where the covering will be used to determine the degree of durability needed.

If a particular wallpaper pattern has been selected that is not washable, look into wallpaper protective coatings, Mrs. McGlamery advises. These are applied with a roller after the wallpaper is installed and make the wallpaper completely washable.

Check the effect on a small sample of paper first, however, because these coatings will occasionally darken a paper slightly, the specialist cautions.

Self-adhesive plastic panels and tiles are available that simulate brick, wood, stone or mosaic patterns. These can be cut with scissors to fit the space. Mirror squares, whether plain, smokey or antiqued, make a small area appear larger. All these wallcoverings are decorative and washable.



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you will want to prepare a growing medium for your seed. One-third peat moss, one-third coarse (concrete) sand and one-third soil, all by volume. This makes an excellent potting mixture and will need no fertilizer for germinating seed and growing the seedlings to transplanting size.

If you need larger amounts of soil for potting, there is another method of treating soil which will accomplish the same as the heat method. For this you would use formalin (formaldehyde). Prepare a solution using one part of formalin to five parts of water (one pint to five, one quart to five, etc.). Two and one-half tablespoons of this solution should be mixed with each bushel of soil. This can be done by spreading the soil on

a concrete floor and mixing with a shovel. Or, the soil may be placed on a canvas, the solution sprinkled on and then have two people grasp the tarp at four corners and roll until well mixed. In either case, place the soil in an airtight container for 24 hours. The container could be a

garbage can with plastic under the lid. After 24 hours, dump soil and stir until all odor of the formaldehyde is gone. Store and use as needed.

PESCARA, Italy — Fire razed a warehouse in this Adriatic city over the weekend, destroying \$100,000 worth of Easter eggs, police reported.

## Seedling Soil Can Be 'Disinfected' in Oven

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A friend called, wanting to know how to "disinfect" soil to be used for starting seed inside for transplanting later in the open. He wanted to plant coleus seed and told me that the instructions on the packet advised "disinfecting" the soil.

Soil sterilization or fumigation may be a better word than disinfecting. Since we are interested only in killing the harmful organisms as well as weed seeds and soil insects, complete sterilization is not necessary. Perhaps soil pasteurization would be a better term and a method that can be conveniently used around the home where we have only small quantities of soil to treat.

While I was writing this, my secretary came by with the mail and asked me -- "What are you writing about this time -- mud pies?" This would be a good subject as we have had mud most of the time since last June. It is raining again today, following five inches of snow on Feb. 10. We have had it.

Now back to the soil treatment. The soil may be treated in bulk, pots, or seed flats. Pre-heat your oven to 160 degrees, place the soil in the oven and heat for 30 minutes at 160 degrees. This is a very simple method and quite effective. This treatment will also prevent what we call damping-off of young seedlings. Damping-off is caused by a fungus and can wipe out an entire crop of seedlings if uncontrolled.

Now that you have your soil pasteurized,

## When Children's Protection Ends

For Immediate Release  
Family health insurance protection for your son or daughter usually ends when they reach age 19 or 21—although some companies will extend coverage to age 23.

Protection also ends, reports the Health Insurance Institute, when your youngster marries or enters the armed forces.

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## New Filter Offers Spring-Fresh Water



Aqua-Pure water filter installs easily under sink. Two different installation kits are available to home handyman or plumber. Top diagram shows installation with flexible tubing and no-solder compression fittings. Below: installation with self-tapping valves to eliminate pipe-cutting.

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