

# Using Window Treatments Can Block Out the Hot Summer Heat

The heatwave has made a lot of persons take shelter, seek shade or plan activities in air conditioned buildings.

If you are desirous of making your home cooler for comfort and to save energy as well as money, think about heat "blockers." In the summer, the heat coming through a sunny window can be more than ten times that of an adjacent wall. By using easily removable shading devices or carefully designed permanent fixtures, you have the benefit of shading your windows in the summer and allowing those same windows to collect sunlight in the winter.

As a rule, outside shading devices, such as awnings, are the most effective because they intercept the sunlight before it can reach the window. But inside treatments, such as shades, shutters and special films that are applied directly to the window, can be a big help too.

By using an aluminized plastic film, such as mylar, you can make a shade which will reflect most of the sunlight striking the window. Aluminized plastic film can also be

installed as a second sheet behind the regular shade or a free-hanging liner behind curtains.

Vinyl window shades, simple roll blinds or bamboo and reed are the cheapest and easiest to install and can also help in blocking the sunlight and making the home cooler. Mini blinds are also good in blocking sunlight.

Proper ventilation and shading can substantially cut down on your

air conditioning load. New, inexpensive fiberglass screens with a special weave can be easily installed in place of regular window screens to shade open windows and keep out insects. These screens block out 75 percent of the heat and glare, yet they allow ventilation and light. The effect is somewhat like looking through tinted glass or sunglasses.

Trees, a flower or vegetable trellis or an arbor laced with vines

are some of the natural shading alternatives. These sources of sun blocks can keep direct sunlight away from the home and keep the ground and air in the shaded area cooler, thus slowing the heat flow into the house. Removable trellises can be made to fit inside of sunny windows.

There are decorative, inside-window shutters available on the market that will help you to keep

your home cool and make you look cool with an added decorative touch. animals, flowers and abstract designs, or you can personalize



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## Hudley Family Holds Reunion



Louise Moore

The Hudley family, descendants of Edmond and Bertha Davis Hudley, held its reunion July 17-18 in Winston-Salem. Nearly 95 people attended. Relatives came from as far away as Meriden, Conn., and ages ranged from 5 months to 64 years old.

The family held a picnic at Westinghouse Recreation Center on July 17. A banquet was held that evening at the Holiday Inn West on South Hawthorne Road.

The family worshiped on Sunday at Macedonia T. Church of God Inc., where they presented a monetary contribution to the church's offering. Family members sat for a group photograph after service.

While at the banquet, family members entertained the group with a reading of the family roots, musical solos, poetry, a memorial tribute to deceased a recognition of different generations.

Mary Louise McClain Alford, a fifth-generation descendent, delivered the speech "The Hudley Family: Together We Stand." The younger children in the family were used to spell out "The First Hudley Family Reunion," and the oldest and youngest members were recognized and honored with framed certificates. A commemorative plaque was presented to the oldest, and a U.S. Savings Bond was presented to the youngest.

Members were recognized for distinguished military service in the Vietnam War, the U.S. Air Force, the foreign service, the Army and other duties in Germany. Family members were given souvenir name tags. A booklet containing historical facts was distributed at the banquet.

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