

Paint Follows Fashion Trends. New Colors Are Much More Vivid

Color trends in paint for the home steps in line with the new vogue of colorful hues in Fall wearing apparel. Color in paint will attempt to create atmosphere; give charm; and satisfy moods. Paint men say that ceilings are to be of very light colors, which lends an extremely pleasing effect, but, more importantly, in it affords better reflection for eye comfort.

The 1938 kitchen will be painted in much lighter colors and it will have lovely, vivid color contrasts. Enamel promises to be one of the more popular contrast paints and it will probably be used in many color combinations.

Exterior paints for wood, stucco, concrete or brick will embody beauty and protection. This type of paint will act to enhance appearance of the home and, as manufacturers claim, the new paints are scientifically prepared to resist the ravages of inclement weather. Manufacturers are also now skillfully blending all paints to conform to the high standard now demanded for government buildings.

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Records Show

A number of building "bogies" have been put to rout permanently by advances in construction methods and introductions of new materials developed in recent years. Among them is the idea that it is unwise to build in the late Autumn or Winter.

Records of the Federal Housing Administration's activities show that many new residences were started during the Fall and Winter.

Actually the reasons that Autumn building has been unpopular in the past were that dwellings built for sale or rent came on the market at a time when all renters were under lease and when prospective purchasers had to be shown properties under adverse weather conditions.

Freezing Weather
If concrete and masonry work can be completed before freezing weather sets in, so much the better, but even freezing weather does not mean concrete and masonry work must be suspended or that it cannot be done satisfactorily.

Reasonable care must be taken to keep sand and crushed stone warm before mixing and to protect finished work by adequate covering or, in extreme cases, by salamanders or charcoal stoves. Ordinarily, it is best not to push such work on days when the temperature is below freezing.

When the masonry work is completed the balance of construction can be carried on readily. Plastering must be watched and lumber protected from snow and rain, but otherwise construction may progress without inconvenience.

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Mr. Bramlett has been operating the radio repair department of the Western Auto Associate Store. Both men are graduates of the Coyne Electrical School, of Chicago.

Problems About HOMES

Q. Last Winter we were troubled by cold air that came in around the woodwork of our windows. Can this be remedied?

A. To a large extent it can be corrected. If the walls are masonry, the joints between the masonry walls and the window frames should be thoroughly caulked. If the walls are of wood, shrinkage has probably taken place, and the joints in the wood must be caulked. Tow or cotton candle wick may be used as the packing, and this should be mixed with white lead and packed in tightly. A commercial caulking compound may be used. If there are gaps back of the trim or woodwork around the windows, these should be filled either with candle wick or with plaster of paris. It is better to stop the leaks on the outside of the wall. By all means have a contractor do this work if it is financially possible.

Q. The sills of the woodwork in our house requires constant painting. Why?

A. The sills are subjected to rain and sun. A wax finish similar to that used on automobile bodies will protect the sills and save the paint.

Q. The putty holding my window panes has cracked. Will a coat of paint recondition the putty?

A. You should have new putty. Be sure and paint the new putty.

Q. Are weatherstrips worth installing?

A. They prevent the loss of heat, and thus reduce fuel bills.

Q. After hard rains we have a lot of water in the basement. Will an electric pump prevent flooding?

A. Yes. An electric pump is cheap but effective protection against damage to basement resulting from water.

A Chinese judge has ruled that an engagement ring a fellow gives to a girl is the property of the girl and does not have to be returned to the donor if the engagement is broken and the girl marries another man. Careful lovers in the future will do well to take a chattel mortgage on the rings they present.

Swamp Hogs Help Officers Locate Moonshine Stills

The half-wild hogs that roam the swamp lands of Columbus county are perhaps the best assistance county officers have in finding bootleg whiskey stills, according to the Whiteville News-Reporter.

Some prolific stills might never have been discovered had it not been for the appetite of the swamp hogs. The swine dearly love mash, the fluid from which the liquor is distilled, and if there is a still within several miles they are sure to find it.

By observing the actions of the nomadic hogs, the revenue agents are often led to the scene of operation and can destroy the still and perhaps make an arrest or two.

The trail of the swam hogs often takes the officers through a veritable maze of vines, brush and undergrowth, but the almost impenetrable trail often leads to a seizure and arrest.

It might be safely said that the swamp hogs are in no sense social-minded or heroic in leading the "revenuers" to the back-woods stills. The "pinea wood rooters" are concerned mainly with their own appetites and desires. Indeed, if they pondered the fact that their assistance in leading the agents to the still might result in an arrest and, consequently the termination of their mash supply, they might be more hesitant in their welfare work.

It is not an unusual sight for the swamp hogs to cut all kinds of capers after they have feasted on the mash from a still. Some people are of the opinion that Big Apple and other acrobatic dances owe their origin to the intoxicated swamp hogs. We would hesitate to pass judgment on this opinion.

DANGER OF DECAY
Home owners, particularly those whose houses are frame or shingled, should be careful not to allow leaves to pile up against the house. Left long enough, the leaves will rot and cause the wood to decay.

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In kitchens the switch should be placed near the entrance into space used for dining. In all every case where rooms have outside and inside entrance, the convenient location for the room switch is near the inside entrance.

NEW PLASTIC

Four U. S. Department of culture research workers have developed a method for converting dust, straw, wood waste, and sugar cane stalks into synthetic plastics. The new material has a resistance to water and mold and may be used for electrical lators, door knobs, auto steering wheels, radio panels, buttons, other articles.

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