

Decorator Gives Hints On Wallpaper

Two commonly misunderstood or misinterpreted ideas most housewives have concerning interior decorating has to do with wall-paper selection and the use of predominant color in decoration. These ideas were recently advanced by Miss Jean McLain, who has spent many years helping housewives with interior decorating problems.

According to Miss McLain, "Most housewives just don't know how to combine wallpapers that are to be used in the same living areas of the house," she said. "Now, if I choose a floral pattern for the dining-room, I am through with florals for the rest of the downstairs living area. I would choose, perhaps, an architectural block pattern in the entrance hall, a conventional rosette in the living-room. Many women make the mistake of using different floors throughout the first floor of the house."

Miss McLain advises the use of florals or scenic patterns in the dining-room, because, she says, most dining-room furniture is the same wherever you see it—a table, six chairs, a buffet and a china cabinet. "These pieces are all quite stereotyped and are not decorative in themselves," she said, "so they need a handsome floral or scenic pattern to bring out the character of the furniture itself."

Fashion news in interior decoration is in the color trends, Miss McLain claims. The main trend is toward simpler color schemes, she added.

"Women talk about predominating colors—they know that term," she said, "but they fail to let that color

really predominate is the key to really in predominance is the key to a restful room."

The decorator said that a woman will choose a "predominating color" and then splash it around the room. The proper way to handle a predominating color, Miss McLain said, is to let the color really stand out by using it on the largest decorating area.

Her own formula is a three-color combination. The basic color—the predominating color—she would use on walls and woodwork, with walls and woodwork matching. The floor covering would blend with that basic color, although it may be the exact match of the color on the wall or simply a deeper tone of the same color. Her secondary color would be used for contrast and she would select this for the draperies and furniture covers. The third color would be used for accents, selected in the room's accessories such as lamp shades and bric-a-brac.

Colors today are stronger. The pale the gentle, or the sluggish color no longer is popular. Clean sparkling light tones and rich deep tones are available in all colors, Miss McLain said. "Deep green is still the biggest seller in color," she said.

This Atomic World

By JIMMIE CHURCH

When children play with fire, mother takes away the matches—yet when the scientists of the world begin playing with atomic and hydrogen explosives, each mother nation smiles proudly on her little genius. Mother east is struggling, perhaps starving many of her peace loving children in order to arm, with matches, the little scientific boy who loves to play with fire.

And mother west, for fear that her precious little mischievous son will be out shined by the east kid, is robbing the cupboard to give him matches too. Each proud mother is watching her son with hopes that he will be first to kindle a fire of human destruction.

What are we to gain by destroying Russia if simultaneously we are to be destroyed? And likewise, what has Russia to gain by destroying us, if Russia is also destroyed? The international affairs of today don't make sense. The big problem, world peace, has no reason whatever to be a problem at all.

If only our own government would do more and ask for less to be done, it would at least do no harm. If we actually want peace with Russia why send the American Eagle to Moscow armed with plans for destruction and a bold speech of "You Do This" and "You Do That"? Why tell Russia, "If you have anything to say to me, come to Washington and speak up"? Why ask Russia to lay down her arms when we keep picking up more? Why tell the Balkan Countries what type of government to use? We have the government of our choice. Why can the other nations of the world not choose their own? We want peace but we want it our way. Russia wants peace her way. Two kids fighting over a piece of candy! Why can't some sensible person break the candy in half and create a state of peace?

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In Washington we have what are supposed to be the brains of a peoples' government and there we also have the pride of a nation and the lust for power and the greed for wealth.

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