

Television Changing Appearance of Rooms



Here is an interesting television room arrangement in which a French Provincial receiving set blends effectively with Early American furniture. This room thus has two interesting focal points: The television set and the fireplace. Room arrangement is ideal for either children or adults. (Furniture: Consider H. Willett, Inc.; television: Magnavox.)

New Medium Has Several Problems

The American home has seen many changes in style in the past 25 years. But no single item, no switch in color preferences, no new designs have had such a singularly revolutionary effect as the television set.

This new medium of entertainment poses two major problems for the homemaker.

The first has two sides—what style receiving set to choose and where to put it.

The second problem is that of preparing the house for the inevitable flow of visitors. This requires close attention to the details of adequate seating space within range of the TV screen and table space within arm's reach for refreshments.

Special displays planned for Home Fashion Time give you endless ideas for making the entire home more attractive for your televiewers. Here, in addition, is a guide to help you with the immediate problems of the set and its surroundings:

What style set shall you choose? Look around the room in which you wish to keep the set. Are the furnishings you now have (or those new units you plan to buy) Traditional or Contemporary? Or perhaps the room is a mixture of both.

If your taste and furnishings follow the Contemporary line, the set will be chosen to carry out that theme. A wood of contrasting color will make the set stand out from other units in the room, giving it added importance. A wood of matching color will make it blend into the room setting.

If the furnishings of the room are Traditional, you can either choose one of the many period cabinets to match or mix periods by choosing an appropriate Modern cabinet.

In blending periods of furniture, avoid the extremes that center in sofa cushions or upholstery will play up your favorite pieces and add excitement to the room.

make for startling contrast. If the traditional pieces are light in line, choose a contemporary design also light in feeling.

Where to place the TV set?

First consider the angle of viewing. The set must be in a spot around which seating units can be arranged for comfort without the craning of necks or squinting past other heads.

Since the set will probably be the center of interest in the room, don't hesitate to treat it with as much importance as a fireplace.

In fact, many ingenious TV settings have been engineered by placing the set in an old fireplace well and surrounding it with bookshelves, framed prints, etc.

The major problem in adapting the home to a TV set is wisely planning the seating units for comfort.

Sectional sofas and swivel chairs or chairs on casters adapt themselves especially well to the television room. They can be rearranged from time to time to add endless variety to the seating plan.

The arrival of television has brought a quick rise in the popularity of the ottoman and hassock. Both of these serve double duty as footrests and additional seats when the crowd unexpectedly expands.

Ingenious designers have developed a variety of stacking chairs and stools which pile one on top of the other in a minimum of closet space to be brought out when needed.

Many coffee tables, too, have the dual purpose features and may be converted to seats by the addition of loose cushions kept on the closet shelf. On some of these tables the tops have been so designed with handles to serve as trays when lifted off, exposing a bench underneath.

Nest of tables are another wise addition to the television room. While the outer unit remains in place as an end table, the two nested units can be placed strategically around the room as refreshment stands.

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Hints On Care Of Furniture

Wood furniture deserves the best of care, for with proper attention the finish will grow even more beautiful with age as it develops a mellow richness with depth of color.

Varnished or lacquered furniture should be dusted frequently

with a soft lint free dust cloth. It is essential that the dust cloth be soft since all dust contains a certain amount of abrasive grit which will scratch the finish. In addition to dusting the finish, it is necessary periodically to use a furniture polish in order to retain the proper luster and to remove greasy deposits. The greasy deposits consist of finger prints, coal dust, and where the heating medium is oil, a very appreciable oily deposit.

When a more strenuous cleaning is needed, the finish may be washed with a mild soap. Use much lather then rinse with a fairly dry cloth dipped in lukewarm water and dry with a soft cloth. The finish may then be polished with an emulsion type polish or a liquid wax. A cloth is dampened with either polish or wax and applied with considerable rubbing. After the furniture is dry cloth.



Color Magic Used In Modern Trend

Present fashion trends show a strong preference for lighter wall colors in tones of beige, brown and greens of the sage family. These earthy tones, highlighted with bright rust and yellow, sharp orange and copper red make up the currently popular palette.

These are soft, easy-to-live-with background colors and have an unusual kinship for lovely polished wood, providing an extremely effective background for both dark and light furniture. Try matching or slightly deeper value of your wall color for your floor covering if you are proud of your furniture and would like it to be the most important part of your room scheme. Bright ac-

Here's an excellent grouping for televiewing and for folks who occasionally like to re-arrange the furniture. Covered in a Mohair and cotton dobby frieze, the pieces have been "cushionized" for greater comfort. (Kroehler Mfg. Co.)

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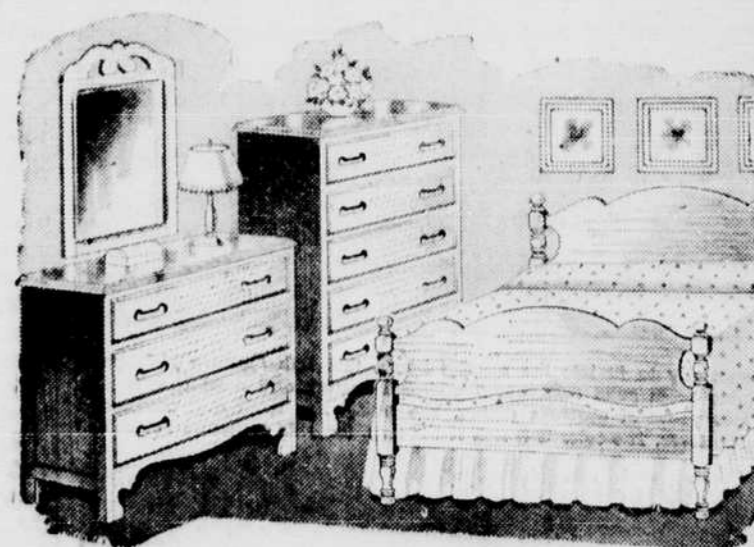
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