

"Great Room" Can Provide Affordable Living Space

Whether we like it or not, changeable world conditions are dramatically affecting our lifestyles. Fuel shortages are influencing our attitudes about the kinds and numbers of cars we drive, and how to best spend whatever money and leisure time we have.

To overcome the problem of coping with affordable living space, Armstrong interior designers conceived a "great room" from borrowed space. It's welcome news!

Turnabout was fair play when designer Cathy Erb converted a carport into an exciting living center, decorated in a botanical theme.

A horticultural theme was natural since the basic idea was to literally stretch the house out from its kitchen to the great outdoors.

motifs," according to Miss Erb. "These are fabrics, linens, wallcoverings, dinnerware, cookware, and accessories."

For her color scheme she chose earthy browns, bittersweet, terra cotta, biscuit-'n-basket tones, and combined them with the fresh-growing greens of live herbs.

Culinary herbs have been significant in medicine and folklore for ages, and have now become, once more, part of daily living. As easy to grow in pots on a windowsill as in a backyard garden, few efforts are less troublesome or more rewarding. Nothing adds as much zest to cooking than herbs.

Now—they add a new dimension to decorating. Their ornamental value is evident in the way they're displayed in decorating trends.

A favorite spot for growing herbs is in the kitchen. But, look at this great room...and consider hanging some at the



THE GREAT ROOM—Reinforcing the botanical theme in this family room are basket stools, wicker and glass coffee table, and a print fabric called "Gardener's Choice." The lattice work at the windows provides privacy yet allows maximum light to shine through the floor-to-ceiling windows. Plant-filled

divider partially screens the kitchen and offers a display area for plants and herbs, but a center where repotting can be done at any time, any weather—with still an eye on a simmering stew for dinner. This "great room" was converted from an existing carport.

windows—staggered at different lengths for unusual effects.

"Long breadbaskets, suspended by chain or cord from window casings make fine holders for three or four pots," says Miss Erb.

Pole planters are an excellent way to show growing herbs off, while dried ones can be mounted into attractive wall art, or simply hung from ceiling beams, as illustrated. And potpourri—an old favorite—is wonderful in an open jar!

Miss Erb planned for indoor dirt-daubing in a unit between the two areas; it is a divider that offers a potting shed with its own bins for soil and peat moss. Lower drawers in the cabinets hold plant-growing supplies and tools. The green-thumb center has its top cabinet fitted

with a stone-filled tray; it permits carefree plant watering and misting. And the wet stones provide humidity for a better growing environment.

Floor-to-ceiling windows in the former "carport" provide maximum light, and privacy is achieved with trellis-like lattice work. Woodgrain-plank decorates the sloped ceiling along with beams that meet the wall and window architectural frames.

Three tall wicker etageres from Founders line up at the end of the family room. They display leisure time needs—stereo, books, hobbies and games stored in big baskets on the bottom shelves.

Founders modular sofa units are slipcovered in the same botanical print fabric as the kitchen tablecloth. (The tablecloth

is simply made by cutting fabric to cover the circular top and attaching that top to a floor-length shirred skirt.)

An area rug of Fancier carpet from Armstrong's Trustmark Collection is soft and velvety underfoot, and appropriate in the sitting area. Underlying the entire great room—including the kitchen—is an Armstrong vinyl corian floor in a new pattern called "Danmark."

If you have a garage or carport adjacent to your kitchen, you can use this space more efficiently today by turning the area into an exciting living space with a garden-like atmosphere.

For inspiration in full color, take a closer look at the botanical kitchen featured in Good Ideas for Decorating magazine, currently on newsstands.

BOTANICAL THEME
"The home furnishings market is sprouting with all kinds of botanical

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