



Home Renovations '93

From paint to paper

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and bulges. While prepast papers are easy enough for even an occasional do-it-yourselfer to succeed at the task of applying them to the wall, many people seek instead to have professionals ensure a top-notch finished look.

While once considered difficult to maintain, wallpapers now are constructed of treated vinyls so that they not only are easy to clean, they also are easy to strip away from the wall when a new look is desired.

Like paint, wallpapers are available in a veritable encyclopedia of colors - as well as patterns, prints, textures and complementary borders.

Patterns run the gamut from sophisticated stripes to nursery-rhyme prints. Vegetables, fruits and teapot prints are perfect for kitchen; seashells and paisleys for the bathroom; florals and ribbons and floral for the bedroom; whimsical clown and transportation motifs for children's rooms.

To coordinate the decor of rooms that flow into each other, most wallpaper lines offer families of companion papers, prints and borders that can be mixed and matched for a variety of looks. For example, large florals, stripes, plaids, dots and small florals all in the same color scheme.

Also available are embossed papers that add instant textural impact. White embossed wallpaper frequently has been used to add pattern to ceilings, and now they increasingly are finding their way onto walls. White in its original form, this embossed paper can be finished in many different ways and painted a variety of colors. The application of paints and glazes can transform the paper into appearances that give the illusion of copper or tin, gilded leather or elegant plaster work.

ORGANIZED UNITS

As for wall systems - whether an up-to-the-minute media center or traditional shelving for books or collectibles - all are designed to solve organization challenges.

Some wall units are ready-made for generic use; others are custom designed for a specific area and purpose. Either way, to ensure that it's worth the expense of having wall units installed, the savvy decorator will carefully think through the project before beginning.

Even the most elaborate wall system won't be satisfactory if it doesn't provide the right spaces in the right places for the items

you need to organize. That's why deciding where to put a wall system, as well as what to put into it, is so important.

Most people rely on experienced professionals for their design and installation. If you're putting in a custom unit, you may want to get design help from an architect or interior designer. For the construction of the unit, rely on a cabinetmaker, woodworker or furniture maker.

For ready-made units, turn to showroom or retail sales professionals familiar with the variety of products on the market.

PICTURES AND MIRRORS

Perhaps the greatest area for fun or fear in wall decor, however, resides in adornment. What to put on the walls - mirrors, a single picture or a grouping? Botanical prints or geometrics? Fabric as art or metallic sculptures and sconces? A thematic approach throughout the house or a room-by-room hodgepodge of collectibles?

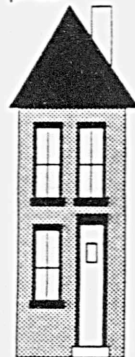
Regardless of a person's tastes in decor, personal-history makes for an easy accessory tale. Hang framed diplomas and certificates on the den wall, or create a family photo mosaic by framing antique photos or enlargements of favorites from your own lifetime.

Many prized possessions are mementoes of travel that recapture the excitement and tell the tale of those trips in your home. Framed posters on your living room wall bring back the romance of a Hawaiian honeymoon; exotic masks evoke memories of Africa. Arkansas quilts, Amish crochet Afghans or hand-crafted rugs hung on walls are reminiscent of weekend excursions; delicate cross-stitch samplers framed into warm wall hangings showcase Grandma's or Mom's talents.

HOMEFACTS

Ways to help sell a house in a down market

Even though times are rough in the housing market, sellers can help to make their house a more attractive prospect, besides lowering its price.



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Many home sellers are trying some of these approaches for marketing their house.

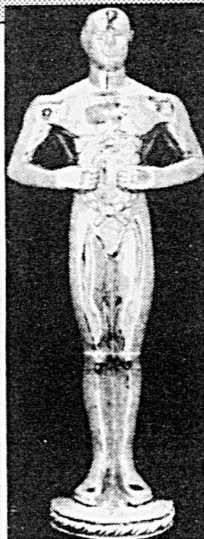
- **Spruce up the place** — Clean up the house and keep it neat. Messy closets and a yard like a jungle turn off buyers.
- **Make repairs** — Potential buyers tend to ask for more of a discount than actual cost of needed repairs.
- **Know your market and price the house right** — Many homes linger on the market too long because they weren't priced right from the start.
- **Sweeten the pot** — Offer to pay the points on the buyer's loan, a home warranty, or a lease-buy option. Offer a bonus to the real estate agent who closes the deal.

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Georgie judges look for products that showcase high-quality, innovation and affordability when determining finalists for the prestigious Georgie trophy.

"We feel very honoured to have been awarded a Silver Award again this year" said Gary Creuzot, President of Goldwing Construction Ltd. Gary is a prominent member of the P.G.H.B.A. and has been active in the construction industry for over 25 years.

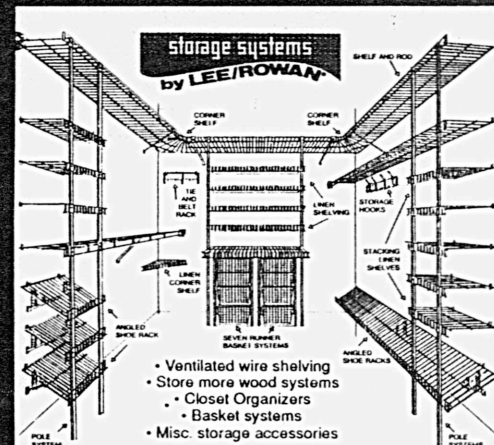
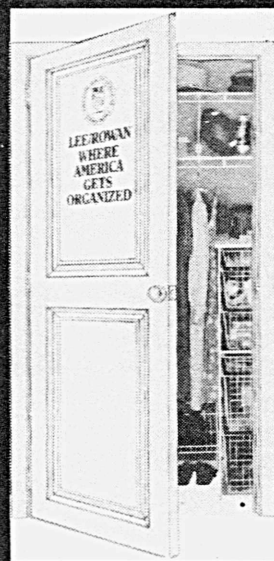
The 1993 Gold Georgie Award winners will be announced Oct. 30 at a gala dinner and awards presentation in Vancouver. All Silver winners are eligible to win the Gold Award. We are pleased to announce that Gary Creuzot has been elected president of the Canadian Home Builders Association, B.C. Division. His position is effective November, 1st, 1993.

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