



GLASS WALLS . . . New concepts in living have been introduced into homes throughout the world with the use of glass doors and walls. Light and outdoor beauty are constant companions in a room with a glass wall. Special types of glass in use today reduce glare and heat through grey coloring which does not alter the true color of objects viewed through it.

Glass Connects Room and Patio

In communities adjacent to metropolitan areas, two-story homes are being designed to coincide with today's emphasis on achievements in space and leisure living.

Whether overlooking a valley, river, mountain, or plain,

Ceilings Improved With Tile

Faced with the problem of a cracked ceiling, the owners of a home found a "bold" solution.

They didn't want to go through the mess and delay of re-plastering the old ceiling. And they wanted decorative quality in keeping with the home's decor.

After looking at dozens of ceiling tile patterns they chose a noncombustible mineral fiber tile with high acoustical value. They liked the "bold" three dimensional ceiling pattern with its appearance of a continuous surface. They also enjoy having a modern sound absorbing ceiling that blends with and enhances the character of the early American furnishings.

Because the old ceiling, though cracked, was still quite sound the tile was installed directly to the ceiling with adhesive. The job was finished in one day.

The owners are particularly pleased that in years to come they may paint their new ceilings and not normally reduce the sound-absorbing qualities. The Celotex Corp., manufacturer of the tile selected, called "Riviera," recommends that a good grade of interior finish paint—applied in a thin coat—be used.

If necessary, the tile may be periodically washed with a damp sponge, or cleaned with a chemically-treated synthetic sponge.

homes designed in terms of functioning units now offer new dimensions for living enjoyment.

Such designs centralize entrance ways, work areas, and children's rooms on the lower level to save furnishings and reduce walking for the busy homemaker.

In some instances, patios, normally associated with ground floor barbecues and recreation, are being constructed at tree-top level. Adjacent walls of floor-to-ceiling glass open upper-level living to the freshness of the surrounding countryside. Not restricted to view alone, these patios on the upper level are ideal for social entertaining or for relaxation in quiet privacy.

When a patio is oriented to take full advantage of the sun, Ralph Sherwin, architectural designer for Libbey-Owens-Ford Glass Co., suggests that Parallel-O-Grey plate glass be used in the patio doors and adjacent glass walls.

Twin ground and precision polished, this glass is a special heat-reducing type which minimizes annoying glare and heat input from the sun. Its heat absorbing quality provides savings in low-cost air-conditioning equipment and in operating costs. Its soft, natural grey tones does not alter the true color of objects viewed through it.

With routine household traffic channeled through the lower level, the second floor and patio become boulevards to quiet enjoyment.

ACCESSIBLE TOOLS

Spring gardening is easier when tool storage is accessible. Best idea is to build a storage shed against the back wall of the garage, doors opening to the yard. Extend garage roof to provide protection and use weatherproof western red cedar siding on the storage unit's exterior.

Mirrors Add New Luster

Why do women buy mirrors for their home? Though vanity reasons might seem obvious, these reasons are not the only ones. They buy them to stimulate good grooming habits for the whole family. They buy them as decorative accessories. But, even more important, the homemaker today uses a mirror as an architectural device to build in a light, spacious quality in a room.

Leaders in the industry recently conducted a survey to determine public preferences in mirrors and to follow up by giving the public what it wants. The survey produced valuable results because it was conducted among consumers who had recently purchased mirrors.

Taking the survey as a basis, this is what the public wants and this is how they use mirrors. Of the group surveyed, they preferred and purchased three types of mirrors: the door mirror, the framed decorative mirror and the unframed or venetian wall mirror. The inclusion of the door mirror reflected the well-known fact that women as well as men are interested in good grooming. Further, door mirrors act as incentive to make children neater.

These enlightening facts resulted from a recent national survey conducted for the National Association of Mirror Manufacturers by the Meredith Publishing Company with the cooperation of Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company.

Nearly all queried on mirror purchase indicated they preferred larger mirrors for the reasons that they make small rooms appear larger,

they tend to make a room warmer in appearance because of light reflecting qualities, and they tend to brighten a room more than pictures.

In answer to the query of where mirrors do their best work in improving the appearance of a room, the order of preference was first in the living room, then the bathroom, the bedroom, the dining room and lastly the hall and family room. This is evidence that mirrors are gaining in importance as a basic decorative and functional home accessory rather than just a personal beauty aid.

When framed mirrors were purchased, they were selected

for period styling. Price was an influencing factor to approximately half of the surveyed group. But mirror manufacturers are aware from current trends that all mirror purchases expect quality mirror glass in a broad range of styles for many different settings.

From all indications the mirror picture will be even brighter for the public.

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