

# Woman's World Decorator's Tricks Will Alter Rooms of Improper Proportions

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SINCE very few of us can select just where we want to live, and even go a step further and design rooms, the size they should really be, then we must do the next best thing—use decorative effects either to make large rooms appear smaller or small rooms seem larger.

Just in case you've a desire to wag your head and say that's impossible, then consult decorators who are faced with these problems every day. It's true that you don't magically create space or lose it, but the effect can be changed.

When decorators' tricks are used, pleasant illusions are created and you need not feel out-sized in a room that is actually small, but made to appear spacious. Or, if the room is large, you need not feel lost in it, if it is at all properly furnished and decorated.

First of all, if you have one or the other situation in your own home, and to an extreme degree, at that, remember you must go all out and follow the recipe the decorators give, or the effect will be lost.

You must take into consideration walls, rugs, furniture and color as well as pattern.

### Avoid Small Things, Plainness in Large Room

It's much easier to decorate a large room than a small room, if the former seems a bit lofty and barnlike to you. There are many tricks to reduce the size of the room which has deep windows, high walls and an enormous floor area.

The first trick regards wallpaper or wall covering. Never use something plain or with small patterns or they will stand out boldly and show



Make large rooms smaller . . .

off the large size of the room. Here is the place to use large patterns, but they should be in good taste and not too well defined.

Scenic papers and striped ones are taboo. Scenic ones make the height of the room too apparent and striped papers bring out its depth.

Break up the large expanses of wall space. This can be done with dados, a divided lower wall section.



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Plain painted or papered dados with figured walls are especially good.

If you do not use the dado trick, have the ceiling come down on the side walls for 18 to 24 inches. This may terminate as a wood or decorative paper molding.

Use furniture in proper proportions to the room. The larger the

### Be Smart!



It's a season of exquisite blouses, whether of the sheerest permanent finished organdie with a touch of the old time flit lace or a handmade tailored affair by Yolande (above). In the latter's collection of handmades, such beautiful combinations as hand hemstitching and val lace are employed on the softest crepes. Teamed with ballet length velvet skirts, these blouses make lovely informal costumes for evening.

### Pinwale Corduroy



A foresighted designer, Lilli Ann, looks forward to a rainy day with this newer-than-new "rain dress" of dusty pink pinwale corduroy. Jeweled plastic buttons and jutting hip fullness are headline fashion notes, weather or not. The corduroy is completely waterproofed.

room, in other words, the more massive may be its furniture.

Make certain the furniture is arranged in nice groupings about the room, not just scattered without plan to fill space.

Curtains or Venetian blinds are not enough for the windows. You can hold the room together much better if you use floor length draperies.

### Small Rooms Can Look Spacious and Serene

While the small room is more of a problem, the cluttered appearance and proportions easily yield to decorative treatment. First, your problem will be one of removing everything that is absolutely not essential. Get chests that will go under beds or couches; do not stack them in the room. Hassocks can be made to contain various items, as can a window seat or a couch.

Now, let's start on the room itself. Use plain, solid-toned wallpaper and keep it light in color. Striped paper may be used to add height, and so may small-patterned paper. Avoid dark colors for walls and ceiling. Repaint in lighter colors if necessary.

Here is a good list of colors from which to choose for the small room: Pale gray; light gray green; lime green; light yellow; chalk blue; dead white; light cream, but not ivory; beige, but not tan; dusty pink or rose; pale coral, or mauve.

Naturally the choice of color will depend upon the use for the room, but the list is large enough to take care of any type of room, be it bedroom or living room.

### Avoid Fussy Furniture, Cluttered Windows

Your furniture for the small room may be delicate or very simple with graceful lines if you choose modern. Scale the size of the furniture to fit the proportions of the room.

Mirrors are wonderful for adding depth to this type of room. Large panels might be very effective between windows. Or you might use them to better advantage over the fireplace or even on a wall where the outdoors can be reflected. If you want to use lightly tinted mirrors, this is perfectly proper.

However, never use mirrors with fussy edgings or highly decorated edges, as this will bring attention to the size and shape of the mirror.

Sill length glass curtains of sheer material are excellent for your windows. If draperies are used, too, have them long and full, to the floor, but do not tie them back. Lacy net curtains are another good choice. Venetian blinds, with or without draperies and curtains, also may be used.

Wall to wall carpeting will add a great deal of roominess to this room, while scatter rugs make it look tiny and crowded. Any type of patterned rug also will crowd you. Textured broadloom or a monotone of some type is best.

### KEEPING IT STRAIGHT

If your candles are inclined to wobble in their holders, melt some paraffin and pour it into the socket. Place the candle in the holder while the paraffin still is hot. This serves a double purpose—it keeps candles straight and prevents danger of fire.

## AWARDS MADE TO 4-H CLUB MEMBERS ACHIEVEMENT DAY

### Chief Award to Earl Pitts for Champion Steer Shown In Columbia. Several Clinton Girls Are Winners.

Laurens, S. C., Dec. 1—Approximately two hundred Laurens County 4-H boys and girls gathered at the agriculture building Saturday for the annual Achievement Day exercises when awards for outstanding work in the 1948 program were made.

The meeting was called to order by William Jones, president of the county 4-H Council. County Agent C. B. Cannon welcomed the group and the response was made by Betty Jean Gillespie of the Oak Grove club. The roll call was by Helen Teague, secretary of the council. The devotions were in charge of the Barksdale-Narnie club with Mrs. E. J. Evatt in charge. Special music was by the State training school.

Reports were made on the county camp by Robert Tinsley, the district round-up by Claudella Burgess, the State Achievement round-up by J. H. Watts, Jr., and County Council achievements by Helen Teague.

The awards were presented by Miss Susan Hall, county home demonstration agent; Miss Adeline Vaughn, assistant home agent, and J. B. Williams, assistant farm agent.

Chief among the awards was the David Dow trophy awarded to Earl Pitts of Clinton for having the best polled Hereford steer in the Columbia Fat Cattle Show last spring.

The following boys received cash awards for having exhibited prize winning corn in the Spartanburg and State Fairs: Bobby Arnold, Joe Bond Mahon, Grover Harkins, James Hill,

Billy Traynham, Fred Tumblin and Herschel Gibbs.

Numerous members who had outstanding accomplishments during the year were recognized.

Faye Abercrombie of the Barksdale-Narnie Club, county and district health winner, received a trip to the State Fair and attended the Achievement banquet. Other girls who got medals plus other awards included Lilly Mae Silvers of Clinton, clothing achievement winner, medal and a cotton dress; Sadie Wells of Clinton, dress revue winner, medal and raincoat, also trip to State Fair and attendance at the Achievement banquet; Delores Thompson, Brewerton, girls' record winner, medal and book "I Dare You"; Myra Burns, Mountville, canning winner, medal and \$5 cash; Betty Elrod, of Clinton, for canning exhibit, blue ribbon and \$3 cash.

The following girls received medals: Claudella Burgess and Helen Teague of Barksdale-Narnie, dairy goods demonstration team; Edith Turner of Clinton, food preparation; Betty Burns of Mountville, home improvement; Della McAbee of Clinton and Louise Knight of Brewerton, second and third place winners in dress revue.

Grover Harkins was awarded a book, "I Dare You," for leadership. The following boys received med-

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The following girls received gold seals for having completed five years of club work: Betty Jo Ficklin and Marjorie Corbett of Mountville and Harriet Teague of Barksdale.

Diplomas for four years in club work were presented to the following: Sadie Wells of Clinton, Claudella Burgess, Helen Teague and Betty Trammell of Barksdale and Monnie Miller of Mountville. Certificates for one year in club work were presented to 171 girls. There are 16 girls' 4-H Clubs in Laurens County with 297 members and 13 boys' clubs with 205 members.

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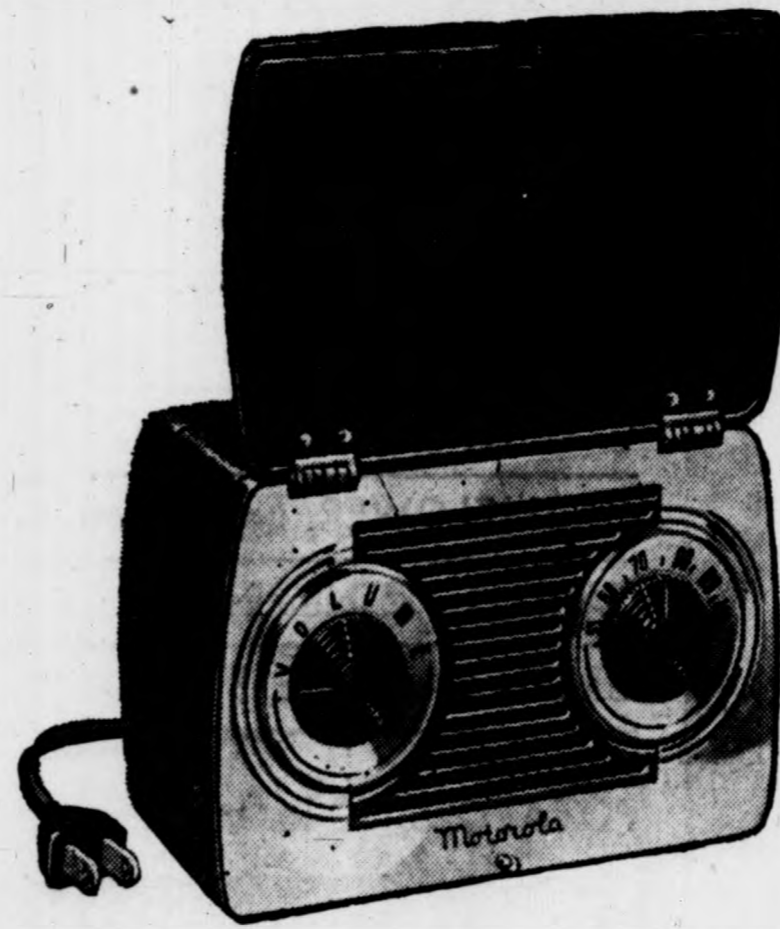
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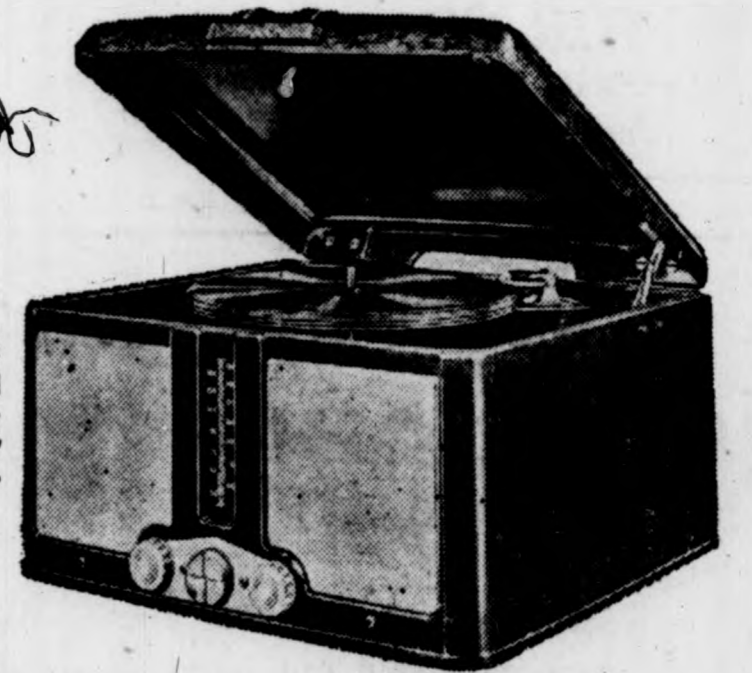
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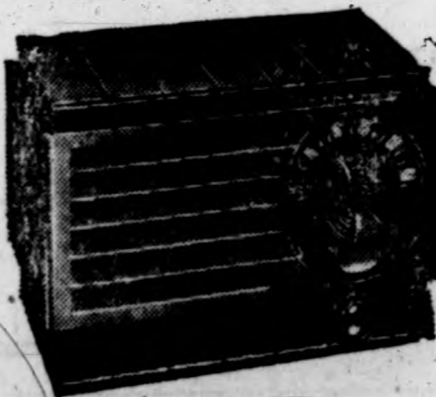
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