

DECORATING THE WESTERN HOME

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MANY OF YOU ask what color your lamp shades should be. My answer is usually "whitish." However, this is not always so. We often spray a pair of bases and shades a color that gives "oomph" to a room. Dark green is a favorite. Just remember that all your shades should not only harmonize with the room, but with each other. Also, it is important to place them in the room so that they stand as near the same height from the floor as possible.

Q—"What do you think of a king-size mattress and springs? Can we find sheets to fit?"—S. S., Oakland.

A—If you have the space for a king-size bed in your bedroom, it is fine. A king-size bed measures 72" wide and 84" long. There is also a queen-size bed, 60" wide and 80" long. If you do not need the length, two twin beds placed together will measure 78" wide by 75" long. Don't worry about not being able to get sheets and blankets to fit the oversize beds. You will find them in most stores.

Q—"What is toile de Jouy? I have been told I should use one to cover my French Provincial upholstered pieces. Would that be right?"—B. C., Berkeley.

A—A toile de Jouy is a cotton or linen print, usually depicting rural and historical scenes, allegorical tales, etc. Most of them are printed in but one color—red, blue, mauve or brown—on a white background. Produced in France as early as 1760, the first print manufactured in Europe, it became the rage and has always been popular. If you can find one suitable for your upholstery needs, there is nothing better.

Q—"In redecorating our living-dining room, can we use a blue, white and purple color scheme with the green carpeting we have? What colors do you suggest for walls, draperies, sofa, chairs and seats of dining chairs?"

—Mrs. J. R., San Francisco.

A—Green is your dominant color. Blue, white and purple go well with it, but you cannot ignore the green rug. I'd find a print for upholstery that has all these colors in it, with emphasis on either the blue or purple, then repeat it in a plain fabric on an upholstered chair and the dining room chairs. Walls and sofa should be off-white or very pale green.

Q—"What mattress ticking would you advise?"

—Mrs. J. B., Stockton.

A—I usually specify St. Francis ticking—a narrow brown and white stripe, noted for its durability.

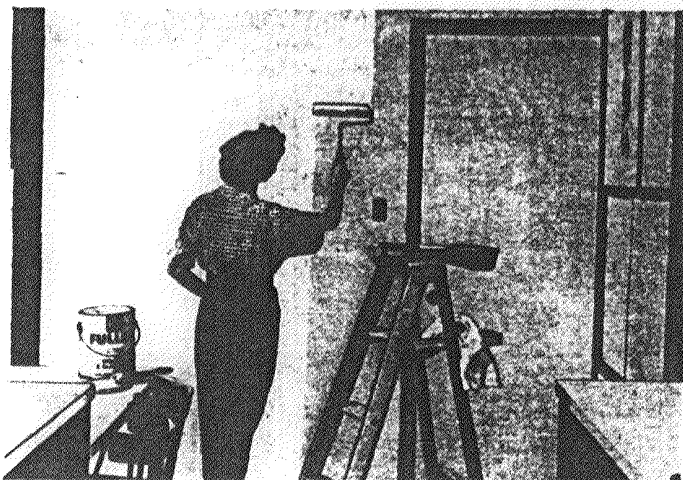
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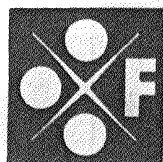
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