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These plans cover state requirements and will pass FHA or Veterans loans.

Designed for a minimum lot of 55 feet in width, this compact two bedroom and den plan offers economy in construction as well as convenience in arrangement. The floor area is 1212 square feet.

BATH

The pullman type bath room has a stall shower, pullman lavatory, recessed tub and water closet, in the smallest amount of floor space required.

BEDROOMS

Bedrooms are large with good cross ventilation, each room is provided with an ample wardrobe closet. Large linen storage is located at a central point in the hallway. Den or third bedroom opens to the patio, which could latter be a

DINING ROOM

A roomy dining room is in addition to a handy breakfast nook at the rear of the kitchen. A book case is suggested to the left of the fireplace in the living room. Entry of the home is made into an entrance hall, which has a guestcoatcloset.

KITCHEN

A pullman type kitchen offers step saving arrangement, and access to the den or bedroom side of the house may be made through the service porch.

Laundry tray, broom closet and water heater are located in the compact service porch.

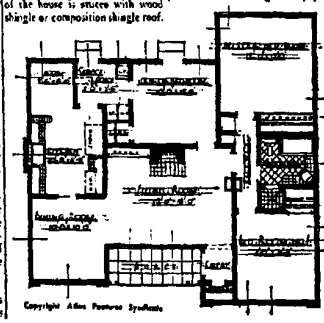
BEDROOMS

The exterior shows a balanced design, and is a combination of wood siding and stucco treatment on the front elevation. The balance of the house is stucco with wood shingle or composition shingle roof.

PLANS AVAILABLE

Building blue prints of this house, No. 733, including floor plans, elevation, foundation, with suggested cabnets and general details with construction sheet, are available at $10.00 for each set when ordered through this paper.

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Get Acquainted With Bulbs For Early Bloom

By DOROTHY BAYLISS

Small flowering bulbs are among the many lovely things that make Spring. Sometimes called "minor bulbs," these are less known than their family members, showy daffodils and tall colorful tulips.

Gardeners should acquaint themselves with some of the small flowering bulbs, because they are really the little darlings of our gardens in early Spring. Spring is a time of lovely things and great satisfaction can come even before winter has taken leave, if we plant some of these tiny bulbs this Fall.

Some thought should go into their planting otherwise they will make no impression whatever in the Spring garden. Most of them should be planted in groups of one color or their beauty will be lost. Most of them increase rapidly and will soon form colonies. They should be lifted only when they have become too crowded.

They should go in front of a growing shrub, near a tree trunk, along a picket fence in front of other plantings, or near a pool's edge if there be one in your garden. I think freesias should be placed near a house entrance in a doorway garden where their sweet perfume may be enjoyed by many persons.

Crocus require very little attention and they are among the first flowers to bloom in the spring. Plant about two inches deep and three or four inches apart. Because they "peep out" from under other foliage, because they never did grow up, they are a cheery sight and should be planted in drifts of one color.

Snowflake and snowdrops are closely related, but snowflakes are larger flowers and tipped green. Snowdrops are extremely early and graceful, little bell shaped, white flowers with three petals and an inner cup of three more. They prefer shade and like the north side of the house.

Scilla is a graceful early flowering bulb, sometimes called wood hyacinth or bluebell. The bell shaped flowers sit in clusters on stems six to ten inches tall. They come in shades of pink, white and blue and like a soil rich in humus.

Grape hyacinths or muscari are similar to scilla with their pharmy blue flowers with their slender spikes of diminutive little bells. They bloom very early and may be used for naturalizing as they increase rapidly.

Babiana is a low growing plant with faimly flowers in blue and purple shades. Ideally suited for borders and rock gardens and should be planted two inches deep and two inches apart.

Sparaxis are dwarf and colorful and suited for same soot in garden as babianas.

More familiar to gardeners are anemones, ranunculus, calochortus (mariposa lily), Dutch iris, Spanish hyacinths, leucocoryna, watsonias and various others. Although their bulbs are termed small, the flowers are better known because they are more widely grown because they grow tall and have larger blooms than the first bulbs mentioned.

In preparing the soil for bulbs, it well to remember that most bulbs prefer a soil neither too heavy or too light and rich in humus. Many a promising garden has been destroyed in using too fresh manure. Bone meal should not be planted in dry soil. If rains are delayed by a late summer, the earth should be thoroughly soaked and let to drain and partially dry. When workable, it should be deeply cut and pulverized. After planting it should not be allowed to dry out.

Don't Remove Plant Until Stalk Yellows

Dahlias and gladiolas, which have completed their blooming period, should not me removed until their stalks have turned yellow and begun to shrivel. Early removal will most certainly injure the bulb.

During the growing period, dahlias and gladiolas—like other bulbous plants—develop a new bulb or corm, which may be planted next Spring. It is advisable, therefore, to handle the bulbs with some care.

Quite often, California nurseries which do not desire to store these surplus bulbs have them available at the end of the growing season, while they are featuring regular Spring bulbs. You will do well, too, to secure the free bulb catalogs nurseries have during this season. They're a great help in planning next Spring's color effects.

Bulbous plants which are ready to be removed, can be taken directly into the house or left to dry on a newspaper under a shady tree before they are cleaned. After a day in the open they should be placed in a box or paper bags and stored in a dry place where the temperature remains 40 degrees and 80 degrees and out of any drafts.

A large box filled with three inches of peat moss or dry sand is an ideal container for dahlias if this process is carefully followed, your dahlias will remain plump and develop well-started eyes, ready for dividing and planting in early Spring.

Bulbous Plants Give Satisfaction

If you want satisfying color and hardy plants next Spring with a minimum of effort, the newly developed bulbous plants are sure to please you, California nurserymen have developed bulbous plant strains that will grow hardily and bloom profusely from March through May and suit every gardener's desires. Moreover, they are versatile, being ideal for indoor culture, as cut flowers and as colorful multi-variety blossoming spring garden plants.

They require, however, a cool atmosphere and a sunny location. They do not adapt well to extremely dry regions.

Tulips, hyacinths, narcissus, crocus, anemones, yellow calla, ixias, babianas, freesias and some bulbous iris—successful as indoor plants—are equally hardy planted directly into the ground from September through November, allowing them to become established before winter frosts chill the ground.

Tulips and hyacinths as well as the ranunculus are especially sensitive to extreme of damp or dry ground.

If you have had a little difficulty growing bulbs in the past, try this method suggested by the California Association of Nurserymen:

Plant your bulbous plants—your bulbs, hyacinths and ranunculus in particular in pots. Place one bulb to a small pot, or be sure to dive to a six to eight inch pot, in sandy loam fortified with little bone meal. Leave the pots outside, watering them thoroughly once a week—less often in cooler climates—and provide them with adequate drainage. In the Spring, you may either sink the entire pot in the ground, or—by tapping the edges of the pot — remove the bulb with its compact ball of soil that surrounds it. Press the ball firmly into the earth, watering carefully to prevent air holes from developing. This transplanting technique is most successful if you confine one bulb to one pot.

Even the most particular bulbous plant, once set into rich soil and kept moist in a well drained bed, will bloom successfully. The early single tulips will flower early in April in brilliant shadings of yellow, crimson, scarlet, dark purple and rose. The early double cottage varieties are particularly popular because their graceful oval-shaped blooms are excellent for cutting—while the unique parrot-type have huge fringed irregular petals in shaded colors with 15 to 20 inch stems, which make them a delightful addition to any garden. The size of the flower, however, necessitates their being planted in a bed sheltered from May winds.

Hyacinths come in these basic colors: rose and red, white, light, dark blue, purple and violet, and yellow in the single and double varieties.

The bright yellow narcissus, which bloom from February through May, increase in size and hardiness for several seasons. Like the crocus, chilas and freesias, they may be left in the ground where they will be a mature plant for fourth year. One of the easiest of the bulbous plants to maintain, the narcissus comes in various yellows and white—the jonquil and the yellow trumpet daffodil being the most popular.

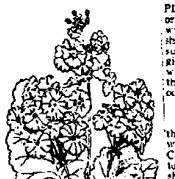
The dusky anemone resembles a small dahlia bulb and should be planted in a well-drained bed and removed every year. They should be planted in November about four inches deep. Earlier planting is apt to stimulate premature growth, which injures the bulb when it flowers. The Anemones may also be planted in the Spring to bloom in late summer. The St. Brigid strain which is the most widely grown can be obtained from your nurseryman in mixtures which include white, pink, rose, crimson, scarlet, maroon and purple. They are best planted in borders and mixed with other Spring blooming bulbous plants or annuals.

IN THE HOME WORKSHOP



Repairing chairs offers a generous reward to anyone who likes to work with tools. Second hand shops often have an assortment of good solid frames that need only to be reupholstered and refinished to be like new. Or, a mature member may shave. And what household does not have a chair or a couch with springs that need attention. Pattern 512 gives directions for re-webbing and tying springs; cutting and fitting upholstery fabrics as well as stitching processes, with each step illustrated. Pattern also carries pictures of ten different types of cushioned frames and how to slide them into up-to-date pieces. Ask for pattern 512 and enclose 25 cents in coin and address:

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PRIMULA MALACOIDE

According to the BEDDING PLANT ADVISORY BOARD, primula malacoides combine well with ferneria or cineraria for shade or semi-shade locations. In such protected areas primula will give its best bloom although it will stand considerable sun in the milder areas and close to the ocean.

OAKLAND — A survey throughout Bay Area counties will be made by directors of the California Spring Garden plans to find out from patrons of the show what ideas they would like incorporated next year.

Ned S. Rucker, designer-manager of the show, made the announcement prior to departing for Pomona where he will serve as an official for the Los Angeles County Fair.

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