

Tips on Pictures

There was a time when strict rules governed your choice of pictures and appropriate frames. Today, those rules are nothing more than suggestions or guide lines to the all-important selection of what you like.

Don't be uptight about buying or framing pictures. Mrs. Helen Puskar, Penn State Extension home furnishings specialists, says there are a few tips on framing and pictures which could help.

When you select frames, remember that a frame enhances a picture and separates it from its surroundings. Select a color for the frame that is a shade slightly lighter than the darkest color in the picture.

Since they can be cleaned, frame original oil paintings without glass. Keep other works of art which can't be washed or cleaned under glass for protection against dust and atmospheric changes.

Mats make small pictures look more important and serve to lead

the eye gradually into the picture. As a general rule, mats should not be less than two-and one-half inches at the top and sides, nor less than three-inches at the bottom. Mats can be tinted to pick up a color in the picture. And textured or patterned mats can be used with prints having clean, sharp lines and colors.

There are no set rules on where to hang the framed picture. Combine any number of pictures in a variety of sizes, shapes and frame styles, as long as all of them compose a shape—usually a square, a circle, or a rectangle, that pleases you.

In hanging a picture, a good rule of thumb for a single picture is to hang it with its center just about eye level with a person of average height. For a group of pictures, choose a central picture as the key. But, before attaching them to the wall, lay them on a flat surface. Move them about. Assure yourself of the most interesting arrangement.

Generally speaking, a large

Mailbox Improvement Week

"Mailbox Improvement Week", a traditional observance which contributes nationally to environmental quality, will be observed May 15-20.

For many years, the start of Mailbox Improvement Week has served as a signal for special community efforts to encourage repairing, painting, identifying, and other improvements in the security and appearance of about 18.5 million rural and suburban curblin-type boxes.

The observance helps in promoting the security of mail as well as in contributing to the appearance of the boxes, which may often be damaged by the previous winter's weather.

wall needs a large picture or grouping. A narrow place will hold a vertical picture. A wide area needs a horizontal piece of art. And a very small picture should be placed in a very small area. Or, you could use it in a grouping of pictures to increase its visual weight.

"Mailbox Improvement Week" has been observed for generations, particularly in rural areas and small communities. The effort is still especially important for rural delivery areas because more Americans receive their mail today on rural routes than ever before.

The typical rural mailbox today is a far cry from improvised receptacles used by country dwellers in the early years of rural service, starting in 1896, when old tin cans nailed to trees were early favorites. Today

manufacturers, in cooperation with the Postal Service, have developed modernistic designs, suitable for use with decorative posts.

As part of the observance of May 15-20, the Postal Service is seeking community assistance in promoting the campaign and asking all personnel directly involved in rural deliveries to cooperate with householders in making certain their receptacles comply with regulations on such matters as safety and accessibility.

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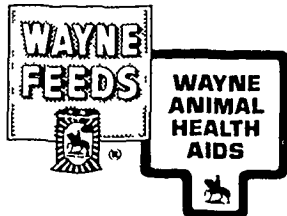


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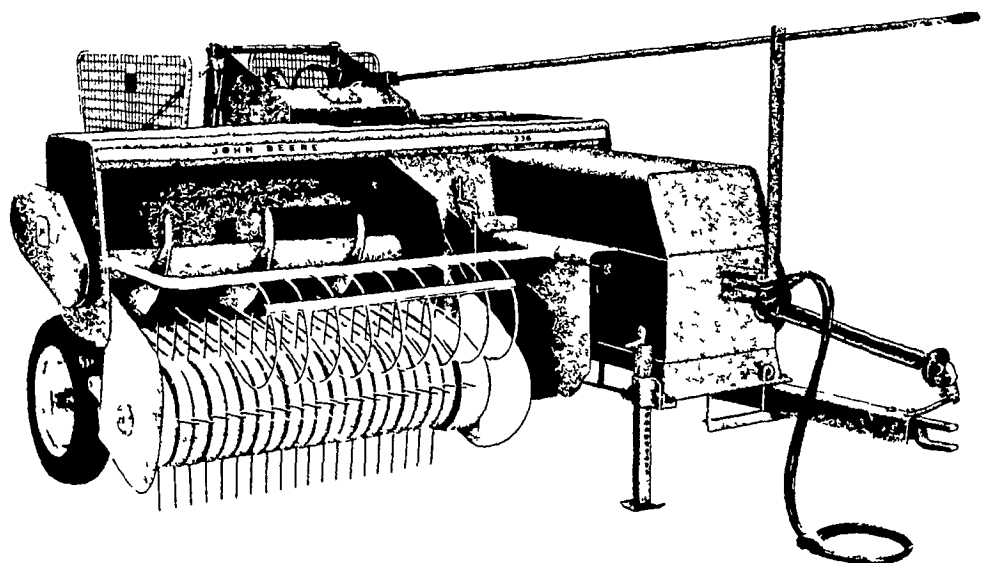
Fix-It Tip

The filter on your air conditioner serves the purpose of keeping dust and dirt off the coils and other parts of the unit. This is a mixed blessing because as the filter fills up with dirt it cuts down on the air that enters the air conditioner. Dirt also causes the refrigeration unit to become overloaded as the air flow is cut down.

Cleaning is an absolute must to keep the air conditioner working properly. Inspect the filters at least once a month, more often under very dusty conditions.

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