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Aluminum Can Revitalize Home

This year, why not revitalize your home's exterior with aluminum gutters, downspouts and trim covering?

Surprisingly, exterior accessories take more of a beating than your home's siding. Consequently, they will show wear and tear sooner. And, just as old shoes need to be polished, your old home exterior accessories require their share of maintenance and repainting — unless they're aluminum.

The finish on aluminum trim, gutters and downspouts is either baked-on or laminated at the factory. This means that once these hard-to-get-at areas are covered with aluminum, you can forget about expensive painting for a long time to come.

The only maintenance aluminum trim may need is an occasional spraying with the garden hose to remove accumulated dirt and grime. In other words, your initial investment may pay for itself in a matter of a few short years as a result of the painting expenses you've avoided.

Aluminum trim is a versatile home accessory. It can blend with the original style of your home because aluminum can be formed to fit virtually any shape or contour. In many cases, the aluminum trim will be indistinguishable at a distance from the original material.

Trim comes in a wide variety of colors to complement any home color scheme. You can match the original color of the trim or choose one that contrasts with the siding or brick, giving your house a new look.

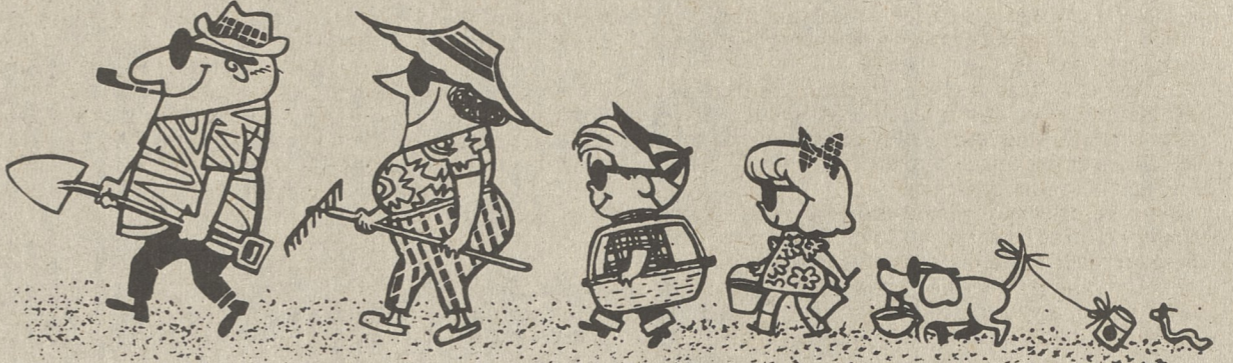
For instance, white aluminum trim looks smart on red brick and dark brown enlivens a beige or

main entrance door to your trim color.

Soffit is the underside of the roof overhang. Wood and particle-board soffit are particularly subject to rot and deterioration, and this area is extremely difficult to paint, particularly on two-story houses. Aluminum soffit is available with or

high winds and rain. Aluminum nails will secure the aluminum fascia covering your home. Aluminum fascia is available in various heights and widths or it can be formed at the time of installation at your home from rolls of aluminum.

Gutters, because they are intended to collect water, are sub-



cream color house. You can also choose from darker reds, blues and greens to perk up softer siding colors. If the house siding is dark, try a light trim color for contrast. Many manufacturers can even offer paint codes that will enable you to color-match your garage door and

without ventilation holes. If your home has ventilation screens along the eaves, you can still enjoy this natural-air intake system for proper attic ventilation. Fascia (the vertical trim along the edge of the roof) is particularly susceptible to being dislodged by

ject to rusting if they are made of steel, or rotting if they are wooden. Maintenance can be an unending chore. Aluminum gutters will not rust, rot or require frequent painting. Aluminum gutters come in standard shapes and sizes

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Safety Asked For Home Projects

"Safety First" is a good rule, whether you simply putter around the house on weekends, or are a skilled craftsman with lots of experience.

When it comes to replacing the roof over your head, safety is vital. Since it can be a difficult and hazardous job, re-roofing generally is not regarded as a do-it-yourself project. However, more and more homeowners are considering doing their own re-roofing as a way to save money.

If you are one of these, the Asphalt Roofing Manufacturers' Association advises you not to go ahead with the job unless you can honestly say you can do the job as well as a professional. Also, you should be willing to devote the time and effort to getting the job done right, and should feel comfortable working at heights.

Both organic-based and the newer fiberglass-based asphalt shingles are suitable for installation by competent do-it-yourselfers. They offer beauty, durability, low maintenance, fire safety and ease of application. Shingles with a fiberglass base offer Class A fire protection.

High roofs, or those with steep slopes, lots of angles, gables or dormers, should be left in the hands of a professional roofer. Roofs with slopes of four or five inches per horizontal foot are safest and easiest for do-it-yourself application. When the roof slope is less than four inches per foot, special application procedures are recommended.

For flat roofs, use built-up roofing installed by a professional contractor. The pitch of a roof is determined by measuring how many inches it rises for each foot it runs.

Should you decide to handle re-roofing yourself, be sure to heed the following safety precautions:

- Wear construction-type shoes with rubber soles for sure footing.
- Secure ladders top and bottom and do not let them come in contact with power lines.
- Place shingles and tools where they won't slide off the roof. Keep the roof surface clean of debris and keep people away from the work area.
- Lift only light loads.
- Apply shingles on clear days when it is warm, but not hot.
- Do not re-roof in wet weather or when the temperature is below 40 degrees.
- Re-roof only when the roof deck and the shingles are dry. Moisture makes roofs slippery and dangerous.

You will need a hammer, roofing nails, tape measure, utility knife, chalk line for proper shingle alignment and a pointed trowel for applying roofing cement in order to do the job right. A carpenter's apron helps keep tools handy. You can rent other gear.

Kitchens Being Redone Today

All over the country, remodelers and kitchen and bath dealers are reporting increased interest in redoing faded kitchens that were once considered modern back in Aunt Mary's day.

Beyond that dusty kitchen and the mess that goes with any remodeling project are the rewards. In addition to the sheer joy of having the "dream" kitchen finally coming to fruition, monetary considerations are involved. For most people, redoing a kitchen can be an investment in the house that will pay off come resale time.

Resale are quick to point that out to customers selling homes, and some will go so far as to recommend that homeowners should remodel their kitchen prior to putting the house on the market, in order to increase the asking price.

According to one expert, a 20-year old home with a remodeled kitchen will increase its value by at least 75 percent of the remodeling project's cost. The return on the investment is even greater in a 40-year old home, with a project adding as much as 125 percent of the project cost to the resale value of the home.

One of the most important aspects of selling a home, according to Buzz Bauer, past president of the Indiana

Realtors Association, is the appearance and design of the kitchen — with the quality of the bathroom ranking a close second. Most homes built in the last four to five years are rearely changed, he adds, because styles haven't changed much.

A different, though concurring view, comes from a manufacturer, Ray Wireman, sales manager for Haas Cabinet Co., a major producer of custom and stock cabinets based in Sellersburg, Inc., points out a remodeled kitchen adds more value to the property, in terms of looks and design.

"We're finding that desires of the female head of the house are still the key to kitchen design," said Wireman. "Realtors and builders both indicate that the woman still looks hardest at the kitchen."

"What often happens is that the builder — especially in a housing development — builds at the least cost, with little attention to the design factors and the amount of storage space.

"When a family initially lives in a home, at first the space is adequate. But with the accumulation of small appliances, that space is gone, and there is a great need for more room for appliances."



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Professional florists will tell you that temperatures just above freezing, 33 to 34 degrees Fahrenheit, are actually good for the plant. An unheated room or porch could make an excellent nighttime home for your lily.

Remember not to overwater a lily. Allow it to become slightly dry before giving it a thorough watering. If your plant comes decorated with a foil or basket covering, make sure a hole in the bottom allows for good drainage.

When selecting a place to display your lily, find a spot with good, strong light. Be sure to avoid all hot drafts. After the blossoms have faded, lilies can be transplanted outdoors for years of continued enjoyment.

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