

Buckley's tips on wallcoverings

Mr. Harold Buckley of Buckley's Wallcoverings in Mount Joy has offered some tips for those remodeling the interiors of their homes this spring. Here are some of his suggestions for wall-papering:

Before papering, remove all old wallcoverings if possible. If this is not possible, the walls should be sealed.

Mr. Buckley also added that it is a little known fact that wallcoverings add to the insulation value of a home. Wallcoverings can make as much as 3.2F. difference in temperature depending upon the type of covering used.

Mr. Buckley also provided these suggestions for exterior painting:

The colors chosen for exterior painting should blend with the colors in the natural environment.

They should enhance the architectural style of the house. Dark colors tend to diminish the size of a house. Light colors and minimal color contrast make a house look larger.

By emphasizing horizontal lines in your home's construction, you can make your house look wider or lower.

Soft colors and gentle contrasts make a house appear elegant, while bright colors create an informal air.

For the best results, all walls should be sized before hanging wallpaper.

Most of today's wallcoverings will remain looking like new with very little care. Mild detergents will normally wash off any soil or smudges. Heavy fabric-barked vinyl coverings can actually be scrubbed and are quite resistant to any abrasive type of wear.



Needlepoint clock, children's toys on top of bedspread.

Mrs. Sloan's needlepoint [continued]

of the canvas and thread, and must have a large eye.

With the exception of plastic canvas, needlepoint canvas becomes soft as it is being worked upon and therefore must be blocked when it is finished.

Needlepoint is a hobby with Mrs. Sloan and she feels that her projects "make great gifts and home interior decorations". She describes needlepoint as a "relaxing hobby and good therapy". Mrs. Sloan works

mostly from kits and tries "to buy the most unusual blunt end to prevent fraying kits" she can find. She is planning to create her own original design very soon which will be an antique footstool in blues and greens. The list of Mrs. Sloan's needlepoint projects includes clocks, bell pulls, pictures, wall hangings, pillows, footstools, chair covers, a telephone book cover, pocket books, Christmas trees and ornaments, children's toys, mirrors, and even a needlepoint nativity scene for Christmas.

Warfel tells how to plant a B&B

by Jim Warfel

When planting a B&B plant there are certain steps to follow to get good results. When digging the hole you should make the sides straight, and the hold the right width and depth 6" - 8" around the ball and the hold 6" deeper than the height of the ball. When you are in the process of digging place soil on burlap in 2 piles - top and sub soil.

Prepare the soil for planting by mixing 1/3 to 1/2 peat to soil. Place the top soil mixture into the hole until the ball would be the same height as it was grown. Place ball in the hole and place in position to be planted. Fill the hole to 1/2 of its height and tamp soil firmly. Water good at this point and let water soak into soil. Then cut open top of burlap and lay back and finish, fill in hole. Tamp firmly around plant and make a dish around plant about 2" deep. Put a layer of mulch around plant and water again.

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