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Around the world

Italian fashion = high fashion

Always on the leading edge of high fashion ready-to-wear, leading Italian designers seen at the recent Donna Moda Show in New York, sponsored by the Italian Trade Commission, predict a strong trend toward futuristic geometric shapes — both in silhouettes and fabrics — for spring '87 fashions.

Sportswear, separates, knitwear, evening wear and leathers all go "Back to the Future" in terms of bold, dramatic patterns always with clean, definite lines and a strong balance in proportion. The look is, however, always tempered with an easy, relaxed femininity — dramatic, yet not overstated.

Fabrics receive special emphasis, and are cool, natural and easy-going — crepe de chine; crisp cottons and linens; silk, cotton and linen jerseys and lightweight, versatile gabardines.

Exotic fabric combinations underscore the best that Italian designers have to offer. Famous Italian knits with leather, jersey with leather, silk with snake or lizard.

Stripes are imaginatively mixed with other geometrics — look for solids, colorful plaids, contrasting floral prints, and assertive combinations of polka dots and stripes.

Shapes are feminine and flattering, rounding the curves with body-conscious ease. Shoulders are broad but not exaggerated, as the timeless elegance of classic couture is reinterpreted for the '80s.

Italian designers are known throughout the world for their fresh, dynamic and forward-thinking contributions to fashion. With the intriguing fabric mixes, feminine shapes and outstanding geometrics they bring to the fashion scene for spring '87 they continue to flatter and enhance the female form.

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An important question: Which home improvements are best?

Residential remodeling and repair work are booming. In fact, figures recently released by the U.S. Department of Commerce showed that more than $80 billion will be spent this year on home improvements and repairs.

A big factor in the remodeling surge is that many homeowners are staying in their present homes longer and are therefore fixing and improving them more than in the past. With the interest in home improvements, come questions from concerned homeowners as to which projects offer the most value.

The following is a listing of four different project types — additions, minor remodeling, outdoor and energy saving — which are expected to give the most return at resale. Figures were compiled by the CertainTeed Home Institute from *Remodeling Contractor* magazine.

Additions

Additions are the most popular type of remodeling projects homeowners engage in today and they also offer the most value. The best additions are fireplaces, full baths, greenhouses and skylights.

Fireplaces average $3,000 to install, and offer an average value at resale of $4,000, a 133 percent return on your investment.

The average cost to add a full bathroom today is $7,500, but it offers a resale value of $8,000. If your home doesn't have two bathrooms and you find you always wish it did, now's the time to add one.

Greenhouse and skylight additions are also quite popular and provide good resale values. Installing a skylight costs about $3,000, but offers a return when selling of $2,000.

Greenhouse additions, which offer extra living space and year-round outdoor atmosphere, cost approximately $13,500 to add on, but provide a $12,000 resale value.

Minor remodeling projects

Other home improvements besides additions that have gained popularity are minor kitchen and bath oriented projects. Improving cabinets, counters, wallcoverings or paint and installing an energy efficient range may cost you about $7,000, but the return at resale is $6,500.

In the bathroom, consider such items as a new bath or whirlpool tub and new fixtures. The average cost of a project like this is $6,000, but its value at resale is $4,500.

Outdoor projects

More and more homeowners are engaging in outdoor home improvement projects as well. The best of these by far, for comfort purposes, is the building of a deck. Decks are a good way of adding living space and are popular with prospective home buyers. They run approximately $5,000, but offer a return on investment at resale of $3,500.

Energy-saving projects

Adding extra insulation to a house to bring it up to today's energy standards is a very easy task and it also provides a good return on your investment. The average cost of adding insulation to your house is $1,200 but the average return at resale is $1,000.

Upgrading your insulation with CertainTeed Fiber Glass Insulation is also important because, according to a recent survey by *Professional Builder* magazine, energy efficiency is still a top priority among new home buyers.

Therefore, prospective buyers may ask about insulation levels, heating costs and the overall energy efficiency of your home.

For more information on energy saving home improvements write for the "Energy Facts" brochure, CertainTeed Home Institute, P.O. Box 860, Valley Forge, PA 19482.

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Fix-up Your House With Tips From SPRING '87

MODERN SHINGLES THAT ARE DESIGNED TO LAST

Asphalt shingles are designed to provide excellent service for up to 25 years or more.

To help determine the kind of protection you are buying, remember that the cost of application is often the same, regardless of the life expectancy of the roofing.

To estimate the probable annual cost of a new roof, add the cost of labor and materials and divide the result by the number of years the shingles are expected to last.

QUICKIE REPAIRS WITH CAULK

Try caulk on a roll to stop air leaks by bridging the gaps made when an air conditioner is mounted through a wall. It can also be run down the back of the risers on a flight of stairs, to keep dust from drifting down on objects stored beneath them.

Select the ⅛" or ¼" width of Elmer's Place and Seal, depending on the width of your gap. Run it along the gap and press it firmly into place. It can be used inside or outside, and is ready immediately for painting.

Tax-deductible home equity loans best bet for home improvements

With the most sweeping federal income tax overhaul in more than 40 years in effect for only a few months now, many consumers are still bewildered by its many changes.

Perhaps one of the hardest items to swallow with the new tax plan is the fact that the deductibility of interest charges on consumer loans and credit cards is gradually being phased out.

If you were planning a home improvement project, and have temporarily put it on hold because you thought you could no longer deduct the interest from charging such work, consider a home equity loan.

The interest on home equity loans, which are loans secured by homes or condominiums, is still deductible under the new tax plan. Therefore, home equity loans have become a better way to finance home improvements than credit cards and other types of bank loans.

With a home equity loan the amount you can borrow is calculated on a percentage (usually 75 to 80 percent) of your home's appraised value minus the unpaid balance of your mortgage.

One of the best home improvement projects to consider right now, in terms of increasing your home's resale value, is the addition of energy-saving products such as fiber glass insulation.

Increasing your home's energy efficiency pays immediate dividends in the form of lower fuel bills. Adding CertainTeed's Fiber Glass Batts or Rolls yourself to an entire house will cost roughly $1,200, but will add approximately $1,000 (83 percent return on your investment) to its equity financing value in the eyes of a mortgage lender.

If you're interested in more information on insulation home improvements, write to the CertainTeed Home Institute, P.O. Box 860, Valley Forge, PA 19482, for a free copy of "How To Insulate."

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