

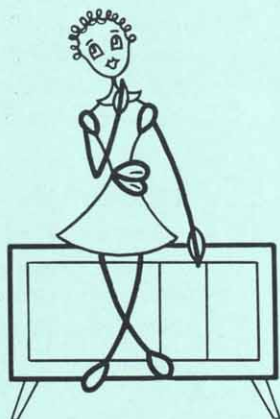


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for

FURNITURE ARRANGEMENT



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For an attractive convenient room:

- Keep traffic lanes open.
- place large pieces of furniture first.
- place each large piece of furniture parallel to a wall. Not necessarily against a wall.
- place related pieces of furniture together for most convenient use.
- provide for the activities of each family member.
- place furniture for easy access to storage.
- have a center of interest.
- give space only to pieces of furniture that will be used.
- keep the room uncrowded.
- follow the basic art principles of: balance, proportion, rhythm, unity.

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BASIC ART PRINCIPLES — are important to attractive furniture arrangement.

BALANCE — is a feeling of steadiness, of things looking as if they belong where they are. Distribute heavy pieces of furniture and dominant colors and patterns so that one section of the room does not appear to outweigh the other.

PROPORTION — is the relationship of the size and space of objects to one another and to the room. To achieve proportion, use only furniture in scale with the room. Group pieces that are in scale to each other. Bulky furniture and large patterns belong in large rooms; small delicate furniture belongs in small rooms.

RHYTHM — is always a part of an orderly arrangement, enabling the eye to travel smoothly around the room. Rhythm comes from repeating shapes, sizes, textures, lines, and color.

UNITY — is harmony or friendliness in objects, color, textures, and ideas for a room. Unity or harmony results when your entire furniture arrangement and the groups of which it is composed are related to each other, to the room, and to the needs it must serve. A simple and orderly room is unified.

Check your arrangement plan for convenience and attractiveness—

- ____1. Is travel from door to door easy?
- ____2. Is a place provided for 4 or 5 people to converse without moving chairs?
- ____3. Is convenient storage provided for articles that will be used in the room?
- ____4. Are all large pieces of furniture paralled to a wall?
- ____5. Is furniture arranged to provide at least one activity for each member of the family?
- ____6. Is each piece of furniture placed for its full use?
- ____7. Are the furniture pieces in each grouping in scale with each other?
- ____8. Does the room have a center of interest?
- ____9. Does the furniture arrangement give the room a feeling of balance?
- ____10. Does the room give the atmosphere of unity with furniture groupings and room in harmony?
- ____11. Does the use of repeated line, texture, color, and design give rhythm to the room?
- ____12. Do you and your family like the arrangement?

If you have answered yes to all the questions, you have an attractive, convenient room arrangement for your family.

If you have more than one no answer, you will probably want to re-plan your furniture arrangement.