CREATE
A PLEASANT
PLACE TO EAT!

4-H Home Management Series
When You Create
A Pleasant Place To Eat

Everyone likes to eat. But haven't you noticed that food seems to taste better when it's served in a pleasant, attractive place? This can be a regular dining room, the kitchen, living room, or out-of-doors when the weather is nice.

You can help create this pleasant place by making and choosing some colorful linens and some gay accessories. You may want to try your hand at making or re-doing the furniture. Keeping the place neat and tidy can be fun if you work out some plans with your family.

As you carry out the requirements of this project, listed below, you will be most successful if you always consider the following points:

Will the finished product be attractive and do the job?

Are my materials well chosen and of good quality?

Have I done my best?

Your Project Requirements

1. Make four of the articles listed under "Ideas for Things to Make." Select and buy as many additional articles as you wish or that your pocketbook allows.

2. Select at least three things to do from the "idea list" on page 4.

Add Your Own Ideas

In this leaflet, exact directions are not given for making the articles listed. The pictures should suggest some ways you can make them. Your leader will have some suggestions and reference materials are available which will be helpful—see page 4. You can also get ideas from books, magazines, store displays and interesting homes.

—By Alice Mae Alexander
Louis Woodruff
1. **Making table linens** can be fun! Luncheon set, place mats, table cloth, napkins or lapkins—which shall it be? The blue linen cloth (cover picture) is perfect for dessert. Nancy favors lapkins for party refreshments since they stay in place better than square napkins. Karen’s pink linen with brown machine embroidery will add sparkle to her table. Whatever you choose, have it harmonize with other furnishings and be in keeping with the dishes and glassware.

2. **Take inventory of the furniture.** Does any need refinishing? You could become an expert with practice. Perhaps you want a new piece of furniture. An unfinished piece might be the answer. You can make some furniture if you have tools. Ever see a table made from a door? Ask your lumber dealer for plans.

3. **Reseat, upholster, slip cover** to restore a chair. Webbing and padding provides proper background for the needlepoint cover. Everett is finishing a seat of Hong Kong grass. A slip cover can completely change an ugly duckling and add color as well.

4. **Make outdoor cooking accessories.** Martha and Everett are wearing aprons made of denim. You will find other interesting patterns in fashion books. Mitts made of quilted material will protect your hands and arms.

5. **Fashion some picnic pillows** (can be used indoors, too). Put several newspapers in a denim cover and carry to the patio or yard. These are inexpensive since it is usually the pillow that costs. You can store them easily—another advantage.

6. **Decorate the wall** with something interesting. Pictures are fine, but some other decoration such as a spoon holder would be just as appropriate. The size could vary with the number and kind of spoons. A simple design makes an effective background. The soft, dull finish of the wood shows careful workmanship.

7. **Decide on some accessory** for the table such as a tray, hot dish mats, a set of coasters or a bread basket. If you like to work with wood, you’ll enjoy making the tray or hot dish mats. This tray is made very much like a picture frame with a regular molding for the sides. The hot dish mats are cut from \( \frac{1}{2} \)" wood. The metal tray has an etched design, and two of the coasters are metal. Display your basket making skill on the reed coaster or the bread baskets. Craft shops handle most of these materials and usually supply instructions.

8. **Design your own window treatment** by considering the room as well as the furnishings. The amount of money you wish to spend and your skill are other considerations. Have you clipped some interesting window treatments for your scrapbook?

9. **Build a small table** and see how many uses you can have for it. Magazines furnish ideas and lumber dealers often supply patterns.
IDEAS FOR THINGS TO DO...

1. Set a festive table for the family at least six times and for guests at least two times. Donna is using place mats and a centerpiece of fruit for her table. She thinks it is fun to try out different ideas, especially for special days. (Fig. A)

2. Arrange an appropriate centerpiece for the table at least three times. You won't stop at this number—flowers are always lovely. Wouldn't you enjoy using this bouquet of roses? (Fig. B) It would be fun to demonstrate your ability as a flower arranger.

3. Use good table manners. Form the habit of doing nice things connected with eating. On the cover page we see Everett holding the chair for Donna and he has already seated Nancy. Extend invitations in a pleasant way. Play the part of host or hostess.

4. Use a tray in as many ways as possible. For a start, arrange it for a sick person. (Some one can pretend he is ill.) Don't forget a tray can save you steps. This is just a hint for possible uses.

5. Use cut-outs drawn to scale to assist you in arranging furniture conveniently and attractively. Remember it is easier to move paper furniture than the real thing.

6. List and discuss points to consider in selecting linens, china and silver. You will become so interested you'll arrange trips to see these things in stores and homes.

7. Wash and iron table linens using approved methods.

8. Provide proper storage for linens, china and silver. This will likely be a cooperative project with your mother, but you do the necessary research on the subject.

9. Clean silver in different ways. Decide which is best for you.

10. Provide proper lighting, especially if table is to be used for study, reading or games.

11. Select wallpaper or paint and apply if you are the do-it-yourself type.

12. Clip pictures of things related to this unit for a scrap book. You'll be surprised at the number of ideas you'll get.

You may get the following material at your county Extension office.

BULLETINS
- Extension Cir. 519—Weaving Chair Seats
- Extension Cir. 564—Refinishing Furniture
- Extension Cir. 698—How to Upholster Dining Room and Kitchen Chairs
- 4-H Club Circular 103—Your Room
- 4-H Club Circular 106—Growing and Sharing Flowers
- See Your Home in a New Light
- Especially For the Girls

MIMEOGRAPHED MATERIAL
- How to Frame Pictures
- Wood Finishes Applied to Picture Frames
- Basketry

FOR MORE INFORMATION

University of Missouri College of Agriculture and the United States Department of Agriculture Cooperating
J. W. Burch, Director, Agricultural Extension Service
Distributed in furtherance of the Acts of Congress of May 8, and June 30, 1914