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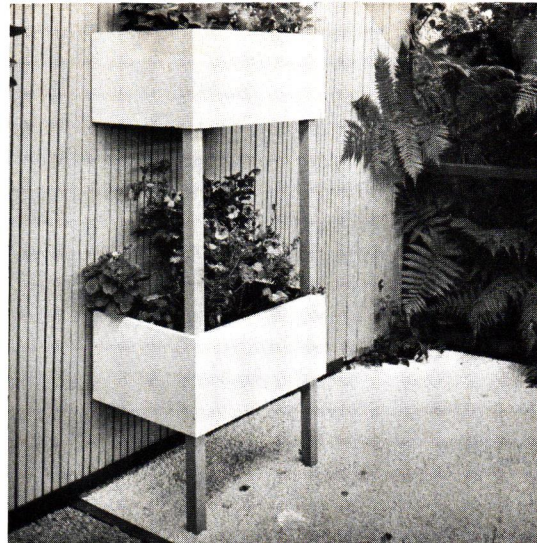
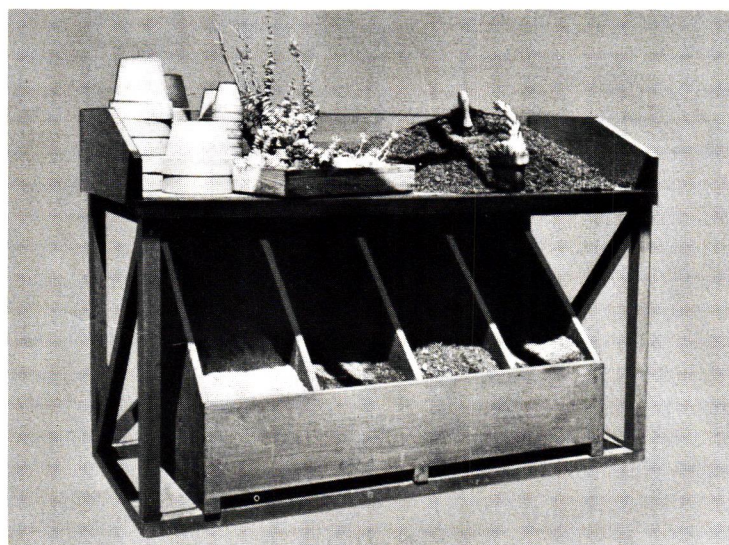


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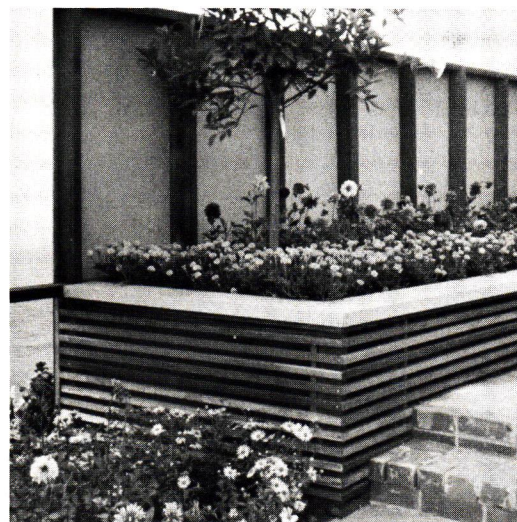
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Small plant boxes are easy to make, can be cleated and set on ground, or stacked vertically. Bottoms can be of exterior plywood, sides of 1x8 boards, posts of 2x2 lumber. Use noncorrosive nails and wood preservative, drill drainage holes in bottom 5 in. apart, and cover with base layer of gravel or broken pottery.

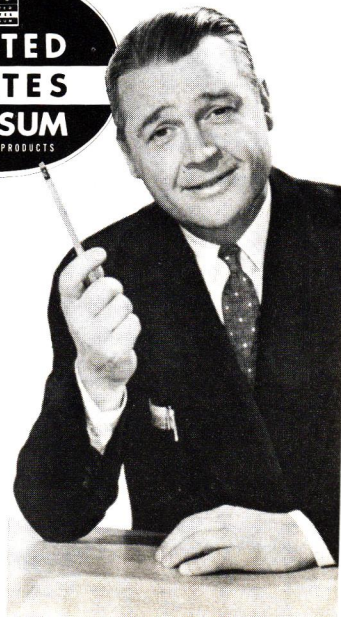


Raised planting beds make flowers easier to care for, better protected, and more spectacular. Here, 1x2 wood battens are spaced for outside trim, nailed to 2x4 posts. Inside is plywood sheathing, coated with SUPER-TITE asphalt roof coating. Cap, of 2x6 lumber, is mitered at corners and nailed to posts.

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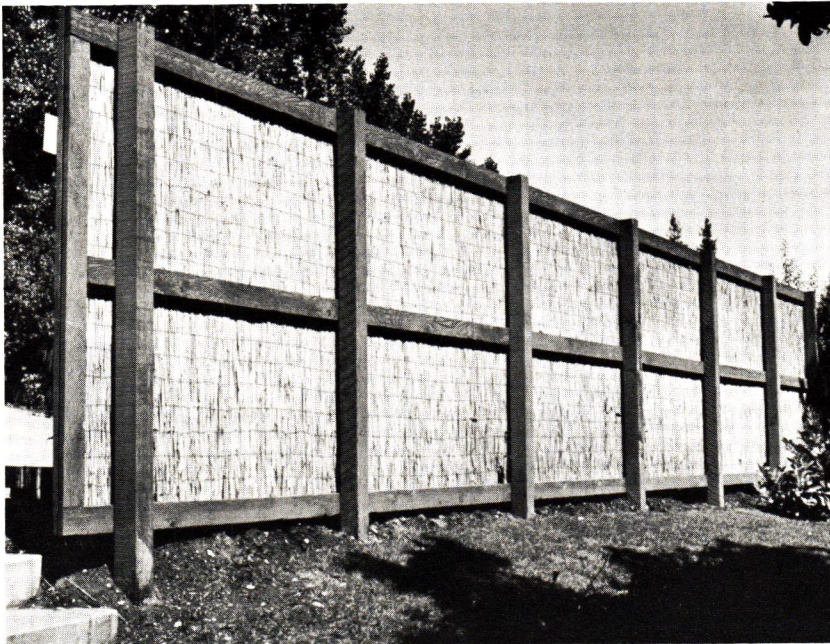




◀ **Fences are friendly** when well-designed, carefully built and used w purpose. Short screen fence has 2x6 frame filled with narrow wood sl 1 in. thick; 4x4 posts are spaced four feet apart. Planter here is place casters for easy moving. Wood used for planters should be redwood cypress treated with preservative and fastened with aluminum nails.

Interesting trellis is made of 1x2 strips fastened to 2x4 cleats on ga wall. Cleats hold trellis out from wall and permit free circulation of a trellises are placed too close to walls, moisture from foliage can damaging effect on exterior paint.

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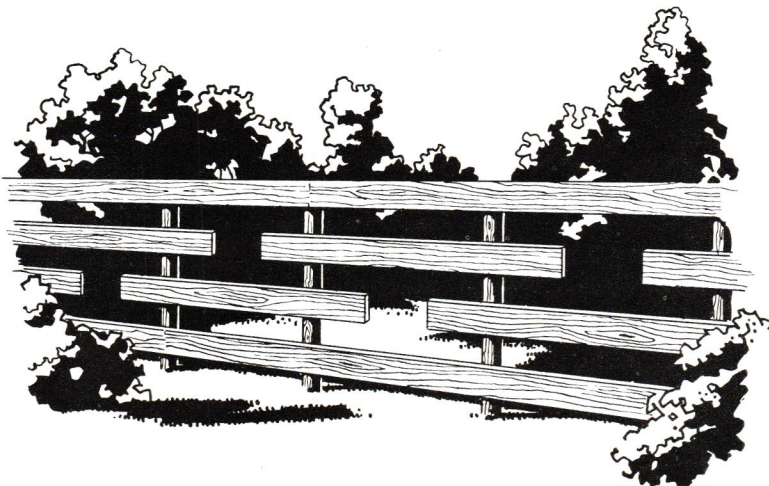


◀ **Striking and practical** is woven bamboo fence that screens yard driveway and street. Same framing could be covered with open fence and used as an arbor for foliage plants.

Gardener's delight is portable 5-ft. potting bench, for garage or o yard. It has counter 33 in. high, and four bins for compost and soil mixt Construction employs 2x3 framing, plywood sides and dividers, coun 1x6 boards, and 1x2 shelving.

Work center for you to build is 4½x12 feet, includes tool storage s plus potting bench and bins. Unit can also be built against house, ga or carport. Siding is GLATEX asbestos cement shingles in attractive w grain pattern. How to build it? See your dealer's free Handyman Plan 342 on Outdoor Storage.

New-fashioned board fence takes on fresh look with center 1x6 rails cut off and staggered. Standard round fence posts are 6 ft. apart. You'll get other good ideas from Handyman Plan No. 352 on wood fences—free from your building materials dealer who supplied you with this folder.

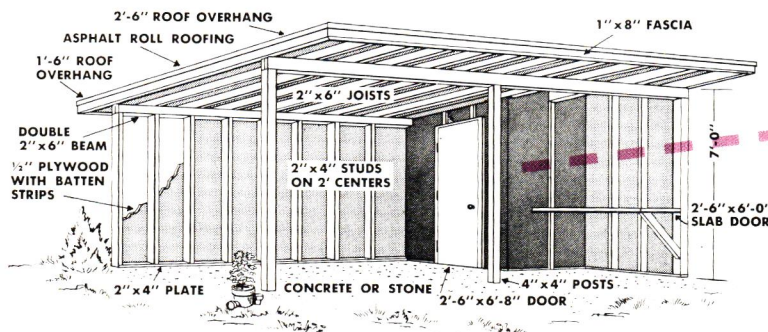


Parade your plants in a shelter which protects against sun and makes a lovely setting for a few chairs. This shelter is simple combination of 4x4 posts and beams with 2x4 corner braces, grape-stake roof. Horizontal crosspieces serve as shelves for pots, and other pots and planters are suspended by hooks. Paving is brick laid in concrete, and posts were treated with preservative, then set into ground.

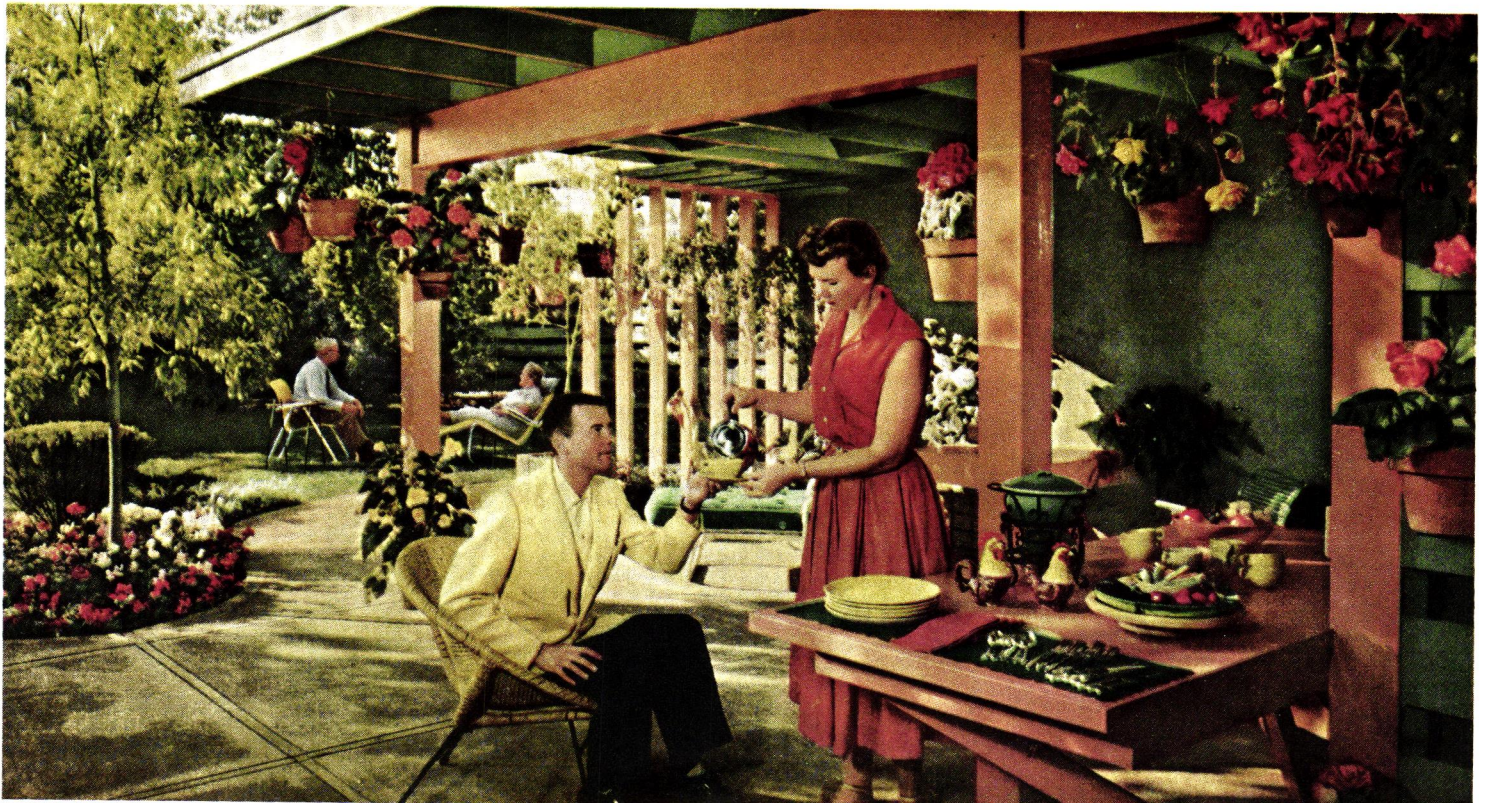


BLEND SUNSHINE with shelter and shade...

Here's outdoor living at its best! Family and friends gathered for a charcoal broil make for good times and fond memories. Storage shed at left holds gardening and outdoor cooking equipment. Slats in fence have 2-in. spacing to admit breezes while affording privacy. Patio is 4-in. concrete poured in sections over gravel. Ask the dealer who supplied you with this folder, for a free Handyman Plan No. 343 to build this handsome BarbeQueen fireplace.



Separate sun shelter is built in corner of yard, and serves as adult entertainment center, children's play area. Two walls are enclosed for weather protection and privacy, and 4x6-foot storage closet is built into corner. Drawing (left) shows how simple construction employs 2x4 studs, 2x6 joists on 2-foot centers. Flat roof is covered with USG Selvage Edge asphalt roll roofing, posts are on bolts set into concrete floor or footings. Here, the floor is poured concrete, but it could be gravel, brick or flagstone set in sand.



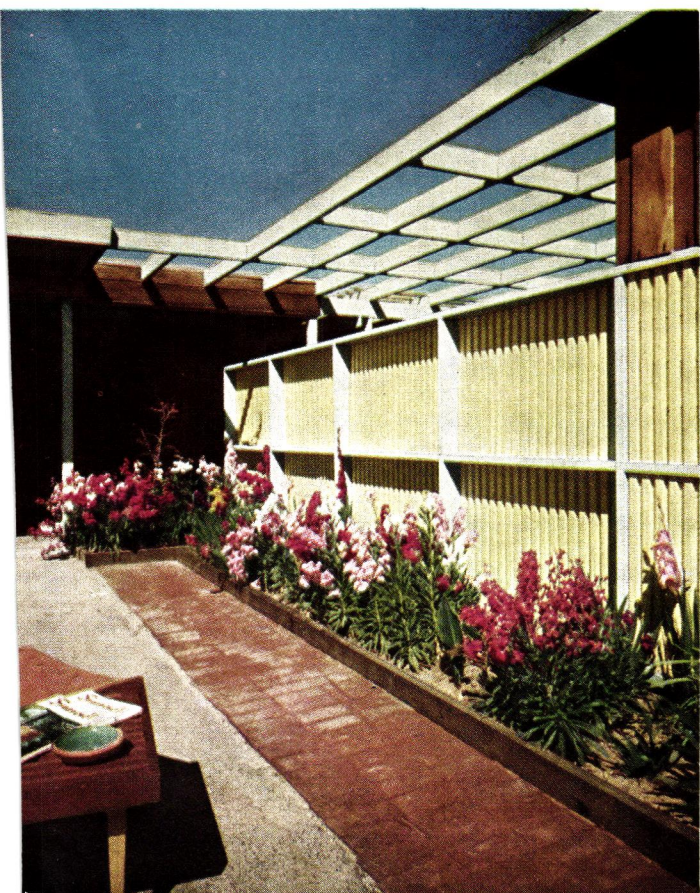


Tame the elements by selecting locations where an overhead trellis can give shade from sun and a fence will control prevailing breezes. Pool-side patio and shelter uses 2-in. stock lumber for platform and roof, with fence of 1-in. thick boards.

Back-corner arbor, supported by 4x4 posts, is focal point of this yard. Concrete floor allows quick clean-up after neighborhood picnics. Horizontal slat fence gives privacy without shutting out the breeze. Center of action is well-designed masonry fireplace of type you can build yourself.



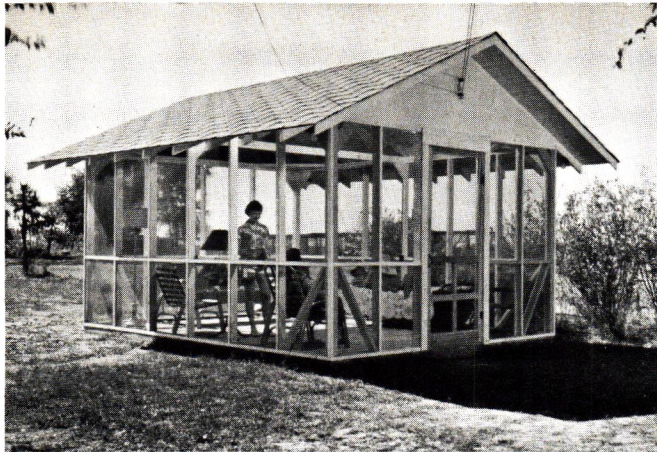
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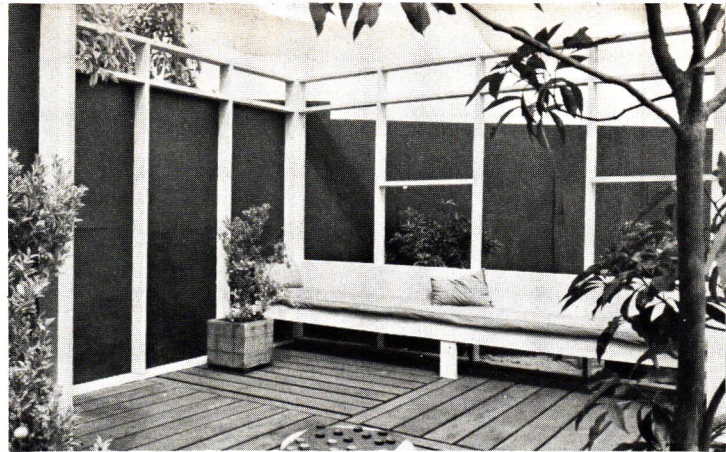
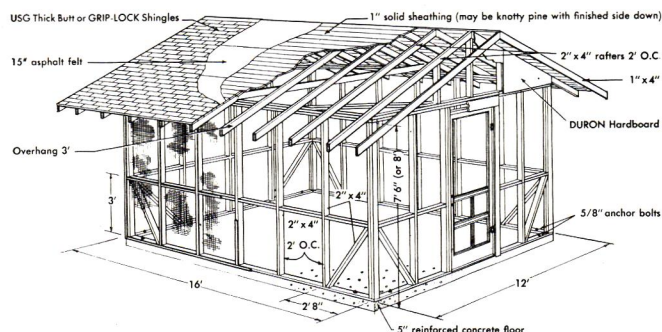
Divide the areas you'll be using for different outdoor purposes. Here, sunny patio in foreground is screened from service yard by unusual wood fence that repeats grid pattern of decorative overhead trellis. Fence is built of 1x2 batten strips nailed over plywood panels within frame of 2x6 lumber. Note brick paving, and 2x8 header boards used to edge flower beds.

It's inviting and private if small back yard is planned as this one. Sheltered on two sides by house, patio is paved with bitumen-cement mixture poured over crushed stone base in grid pattern made by 2x4 redwood forms. Same forms serve as edging for planter box at rear. Free-form opening around small tree permits feeding, growth. Redwood fence is of 1x6 boards on 2x4 framing between 4x4 posts.





Summer comfort is yours even on the hottest days when you build this breezy Summer House. This 12x16-ft. house is large enough for couch, chairs, tables and benches. Simple construction (see drawing) employs stock materials, requires only hand tools for entire job.



Tried and accepted on the West Coast, a wood deck is a good solution for sloping sites or to raise elevation of patio to coincide with house floor on a level site. Deck planks are 2x8 redwood, preservative-treated and spaced about ½ in. apart for drainage. Other ideas are high screens of 2x4 framing covered with plywood, roll-down blinds, built-in bench, and individual planting boxes. Existing trees may be preserved by building wood deck around them.



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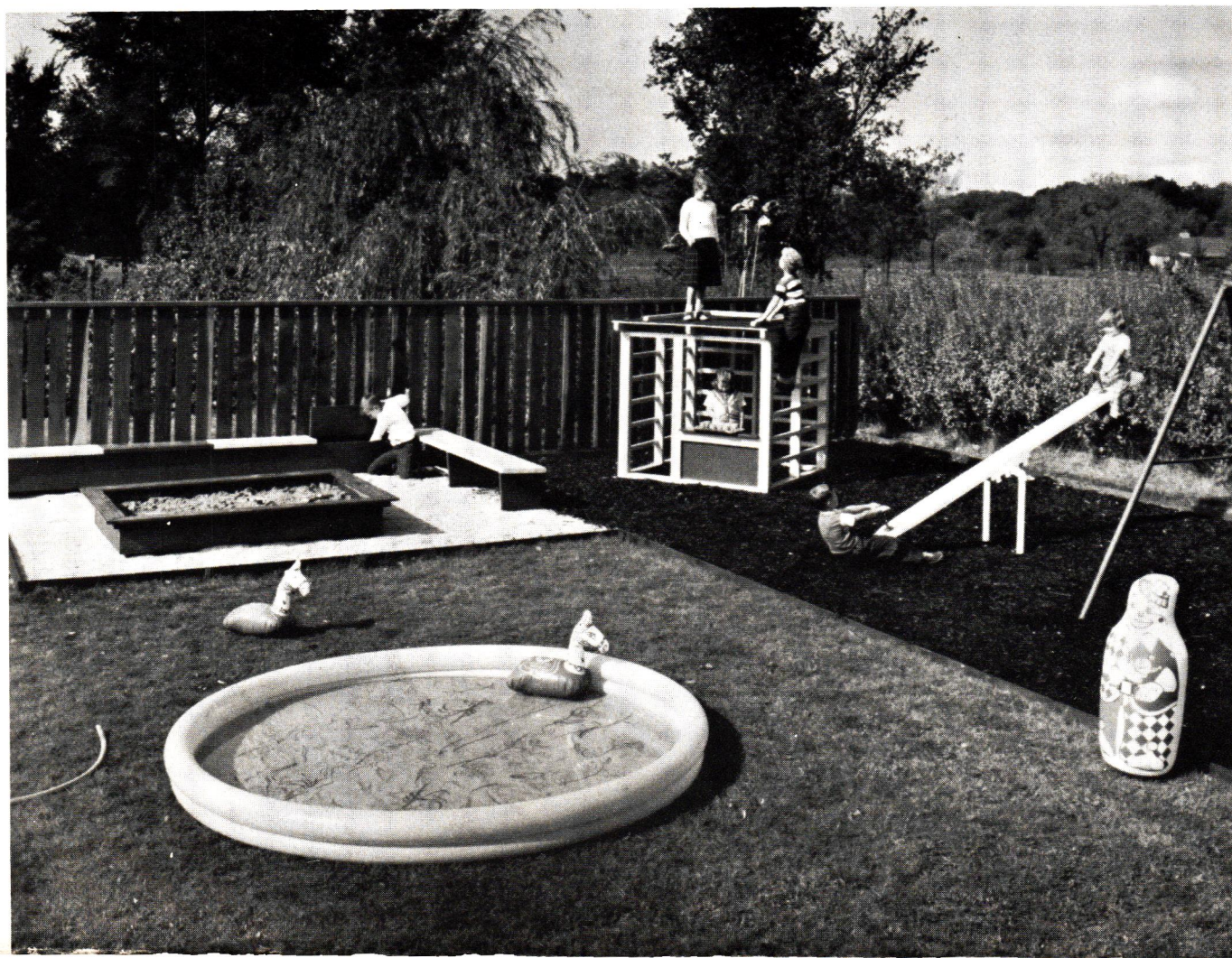
Better view, better breeze result from use of carport or porch roof as sun deck. This unusual idea also is good solution to small-lot problem. In large photograph note sun deck fence built of 1x10 boards, with 2x4 top rail and posts. Outside stairs (right, above) lead up from front of this one-story house. Flooring is asbestos cement board cut into 12-in. squares and laid in mastic.

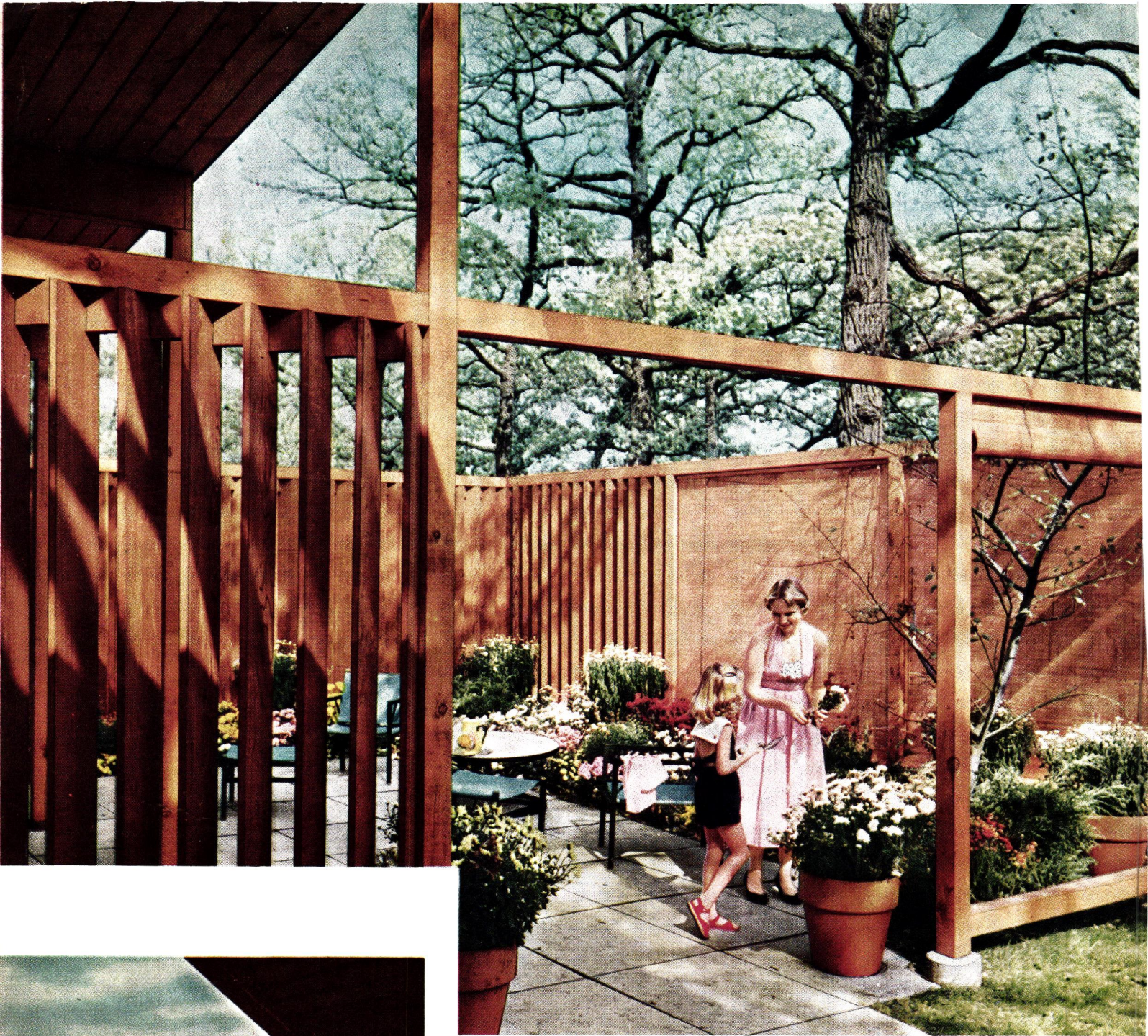


Dressed-up version of back yard patio is this more formal example. Permanent benches are carefully made from 2x6 lumber, and patio is surfaced with fine gravel. Free-form concrete pool and Roman brick planter box are other features. Vertical board fence screens area from street.

Under mother's eye is a safe and well-equipped play area close to the house. Sand box, benches and teeter-totter shown here can be built at home from Free Handyman Plan No. 354, Play Yard. Get a copy from your U.S.G. building material dealer. Area surrounding equipment is 4-in. layer of tanbark to cushion inevitable falls. Fence at left protects neighbors' property and confines equipment area; it is 5 ft. high, of spaced 1x6 boards supported by 2x4 rails and 4x4 posts on 6-ft. centers.

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Outdoor living can be handy and handsome. This patio is closely integrated with the structure of the house and increases its apparent size. Frame of 4x4 rails and posts is used for vertical wood louvers which admit breeze but screen the view. At right are bamboo roll blinds which afford economical control of privacy, breeze and view.

