

Outside Light System Adds Beauty

It's easy, exciting and economical to create a new look in outdoor home decor with a new low-voltage lighting system.

In fact, says Marian Roden, Chicago decorating consultant,

the 12-volt lights have established a fast-growing trend in the art of outdoor decoration.

"It's a technique of self-expression in home enhancement," Miss Roden explains.

"And since the lights are engineered for all-climate, all season, all-weather decoration, safety and utility, their use is limited only by a family's creative energies and imagination."

The newly developed lights will highlight and accent features of the home, yard and garden; insure safety illumination for walks, steps and driveways, and, as a bonus, provide protective light to discourage prowlers.

Outdoor lighting has been considered a luxury. With usual 110-volt current wiring has to be buried, permanent outdoor receptacles are needed for each light, and a building permit and an electrical contractor frequently is needed to install a system.

However, the low-voltage lights can be installed by the homeowner himself and moved to another location at will, according to Miss Roden, an advisor to a manufacturer of a new system of outdoor lights.

Called Intermatic Malibu Lights, they use only 12 volts of power and involve no expensive, permanent installation work. The expense of underground wiring is eliminated. The low-voltage is supplied by a compact transformer which converts 110 volt horsepower, and the current is carried by a cable put along the ground.

Miss Roden explained that

the safety factor of the lights is such that 12-volt power used for them is the same strength for children's toys.

Miss Roden gives these five points for effective lighting of the home exterior:

- Proper planning starts with a rough sketch of your premises: house, garage, paths, driveway, bushes, trees, etc.

- Indicate areas to be lighted and outdoor electrical outlets for locating transformers.

- Don't try for a daylight effect with modern decorative outdoor lighting or you will lose the esthetic effect of subtle accents.

- When you have your locations spotted, house-mount your transformer near an outlet and lay cable on the ground to connect "target" areas.

- Connect your lamps by simply clamping them to the cable. Aim lights to achieve the best effect, and install colored lenses for special effects. Intermatic Malibu Lights are manufactured by the International Register Co., Chicago.



FOR NEW LOW-VOLTAGE INTERMATIC MALIBU OUTDOOR ACCENT LIGHTS, FIRST SURVEY PROPERTY TO SEE WHERE YOU WANT SUPPLEMENTAL LIGHTING. THEN—

POSITION THE TRANSFORMER WITHIN FIVE FEET OF A 110 VOLT OUTLET—NEAR THE DESIRED LOCATION OF THE LIGHTS.

STRETCH OUT THE LOW VOLTAGE CABLE ALONG THE AREA TO BE LIGHTED.

INSERT MOUNTING STAKES FOR EACH LIGHT BY BOXING HOLE INTO GROUND WITH POINTED INSTRUMENT. PUSH STAKE INTO GROUND BY HAND. DO NOT HAMMER STAKE.

ATTACH WIRE TO BACK OF LAMP HOUSING. (A) REMOVE "WIRE COVER." (B) PUT CABLE IN SLOT AND PRESS IT ON TO PROTRUDING "PINS." (C) REPLACE COVER, SKEW AND TIGHTEN.

INSTALL IT YOURSELF . . . Chart gives homeowners complete instructions for the installation of a complete outdoor lighting system which provides both beauty and protection for homes. The low-voltage system, with 12-volt lights, requires no underground wiring or permanent installations. The illustration shows a homeowner installing a system developed by International Register Co.

Elegance Byword In Home Lighting

Elegance is the byword in home lighting today.

It applies to individual fixtures and to fully planned home lighting systems.

Last year the home lighting industry chalked up record sales for the fourth year in a row. This surge confirms that after a generation of being downgraded by interior designers and all but ignored by builders, good lighting has become fashionable once again.

What's more, it is better than ever.

The American Home Lighting Institute credits advances in technology and illuminating science.

Technological progress has made it possible to create good lighting fixtures in as many shapes and styles and designs as buyers require. Whether it's a chandelier resembling a wagon-wheel with hobnail glass shades for a rustic dining room or a pendant of satin-finished stainless steel for a Scandi-

navian motif, there are fixtures to suit any decorating requirement.

Besides the infinite variety, illuminating engineers are managing to educate us to the role of lighting at work and play. These efforts are paying off in greater appreciation for the function of artificial light in the modern world—even from a decorative point.

An after-effect, as it were, of these developments, is that attractive fixtures are available in practically all price brackets.

So, whether your taste runs to the opulence of crystal or toward the ultra-sophistication of practically concealing all light sources in recessed fixtures or behind cornices, valances and brackets, you can achieve elegance in your home.

At any budget, you can find a family of fixtures at a showroom in your community.

PATIO SCREENS

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