The Appeal of Carpets

Many Top End householders prefer polished wood or vinyl tiled floors for their homes because they are here for only a limited period or because of red dust problems, but there are those who still prefer the luxury and comfortable feel of carpet.

Several Darwin households interviewed expressed the subject agreed that with regular cleaning, carpets are no more difficult to care for than any other type of floor covering.

Floors and Their Care, a booklet published by the Hoover Company, gives several helpful tips for the carpet buyer.

One of your first problems may be what manufacturer sell sprouting loose ends of yarn that are the result of the cut-and shearing process. Some fibre fragments protrude above the carpet. In every new carpet a number of short fibre ends are left in the pile. These fibre fragments are the result of the cutting and shearing process in the factory, and are the cause of another unnecessary worry for the carpet buyer - flushing. This is a perfectly natural occurrence and it may continue for several months even throughout the lifetime of the carpet, depending on the weave - but in no way does this flushing injure the carpet.

According to one expert the amount of fibre removed never amounts to more than 1-5 oz of one per cent of the total weight of fibre in the carpet.

Sunlight

Generally, carpets do not fade except when exposed in strong direct sunlight for long periods. However, they do change color due to atmospheric dust. This discoloration is most marked in delicate shades, which soon become marked with grey or red.

Regular vacuuming will help greatly in keeping this but if the dust has been left in for a long period it may be necessary to shampoo your carpet to restore its original color beauty.

Avoid using a broom. Apart from tearing the pile of the carpet it also removes only surface dust. Every woman has her own cleaning schedule which depends on the area in which she lives and the area in which her family, and so on.

However, the minimum recommended cleaning schedule for the average home is twice a week for all-classed carpet, daily cleaning on traffic and dirt prone and immediately after cleaning when dirt, grit or grime is tracked in by the family.

The master bedroom is the most vulnerable area in the house as it is the area in which she lives, and double wardrobes and the other two bedrooms both have built-in wardrobes.

The living room is exceptionally large and is separated from the kitchen by a bar. A pantry opening off the kitchen should prove a very useful feature.

There is also a large linen and broom cupboard in the passage and additional storage space and small serving room adjacent to the kitchen, which is also under the main roof.

The house is of brick construction with a concrete slab floor, sliding doors, and hinged windows and a hip roof, with an all polystyrene roof over the front verandah.

AREA: 1390 sq ft; verandah, non measurable.

COST: Estimated $6,000.00.

PLAN: Available at 46-75c from Len Driver

This larger house is compact for narrower blocks. Although this three bedroom house is somewhat larger than the average, its compact dimensions enable it to be built on a narrow frontage site, such as are rather prevalent in many of the new cul-de-sacs.

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