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Lynn Hack-Gerhart

Lynn Gerhart is the spokesperson for QRB Industries, and here's her story. My father, Ron Hack started QRB in 1963 while working as an X-ray technician. My parents bought an old house and store on the highway in Niles Michigan. My dad decided to put the commercial property to good use so he started out selling fruit. Later on he began to visit the dump and pick out old discarded furniture. He taught himself how to reupholster and started a small used furniture store.

He bought some paint remover to refinish some of the furniture but wasn't happy with what he found. None of the products worked very well, they damaged the furniture, and were expensive. Having some background in chemistry he decided to make something for himself.

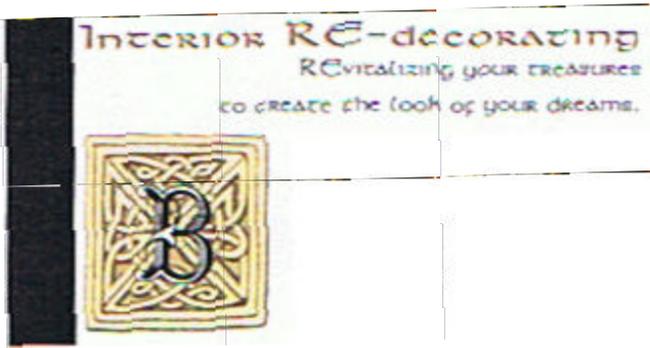
He came up with something he liked and refined it over time. Customers coming into our store asked him what he was using that did such a nice job. After explaining it was his own concoction many of them insisted he sell them some. He would have them bring in a jar and he would fill it for a couple dollars. Soon he decided to design a label and start marketing his new invention. He called it QRB for "Quick Restored Beauty".

My father came home from the hospital one day and told my mom "I quit my job today!" My mother was very concerned, being the conservative one in the family. But it has worked out quite nicely. Later my father added Instant Finish, Match-a-Color Stain, and Scratch-Remover to the product line.

Over the years much of our advertising has been by word of mouth and we have a loyal following of customers. We think this is due largely to the fact that we are not just trying to sell a product but to teach people how to refinish furniture. In 1981 we started doing local television shows. We often could not show our product but we would announce that we would be at a flea-market or a fair and that people could bring their own furniture to try it on. This proved to be a big success and thereafter we were convinced that *teaching* people how to refinish was the best approach. We have great products and we are sure you will agree if you try them.

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Advantages of Hiring an Interior Decorator

Many women have an idea of a certain look they want to achieve, but they just don't know how to assemble their treasures together to create that look. It's all about following a few basic principles.

Whether you're building a new home or simply redecorating a room, a decorator has a trained eye to look for basic principles of design as well as traffic patterns that evolve from furniture placement. Many times these are two focal points, and a decorator may be able to rearrange the furniture to accommodate both or create two sitting areas within one room so that both focal points are used most effectively.

Unless the homeowner has given thought to furniture placement and relays that idea to the architect, electrical outlets may be placed in the wrong areas, or the room may not have enough outlets to accommodate all the technical equipment, lamps, etc. Art and paintings need to be given consideration in the electrical planning stages as well. Too many times this is an afterthought, and the art does not receive the attention that you intended.

When placing furniture that you already own in the new home, bring new life to your pieces by selecting colors for the walls that will unify your sofa fabrics and draperies into a harmonious whole. Vary the texture in the room, if possible. If you have a twill, tweed or olefin type fabric, it has a heavy texture. To add softness, create some throw pillows in cottons or chenille embellished with fringes or beads.

Flooring requires careful planning especially when you're using the same flooring throughout the home. Tile and laminate flooring create a beautiful, unified look, however, unless you have some very large pieces of furniture and a variety of textures, your home will echo and create a cold, uninviting atmosphere. Painting the walls in warm tones and adding area rugs will provide warmth and coziness. Plants and accessories will also absorb some of the echo within a room.

Another common error is selecting exterior paint colors. Consider the exterior brick or siding and then use a color deck to pull hues that are in the same color tones as the brick or siding or select a contrasting or complementary color.

Another strength of a decorator is to discover new ways to use the treasures you already own. Pull all accessories, lamps, occasional tables, pictures, mirrors plants and floral arrangements into one room. Separate them into categories: sentimental treasures, collectibles, and a general section.

By utilizing what you already own, your home has more personality and creates a warm and cozy atmosphere.

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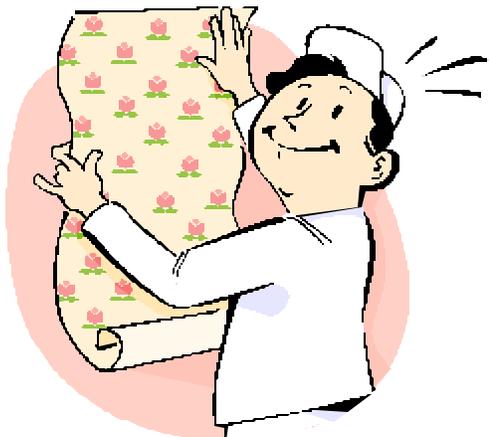
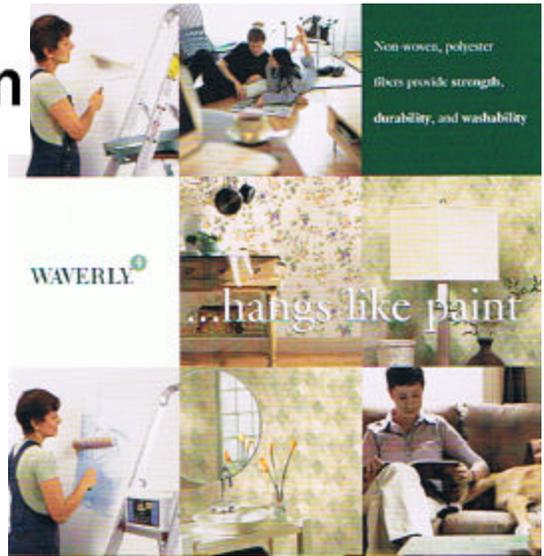
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