

Shanholtzer spent 40 hrs. painting on stripes.

“BETTER THAN POLKA DOTS”

Country House Painted in Plaid

Janet Shanholtzer doesn't like to do things the way everyone else does so, when she and her husband Nyal had to re-paint their home in Litchfield, Minn., she decided to give it a new-fangled look. Janet painted the house in plaid.

It wasn't Janet's first unusual house-painting experiment. Before her current plaid paint job, the house sported big white polka dots. She says that was nice but plaid is better.

"It's something I've wanted to do for years. I saw a house painted similar to this years ago and have always wanted to try it. We think it looks great," Janet told FARM SHOW.

She started by painting the house a solid light green color, then spent about 40 hrs. putting on the stripes by first penciling in the lines with a ruler and then filling them in with a small paintbrush.

"I was able to get the lines very straight by measuring in from the ends of the walls and measuring down from the top for the large horizontal stripe. People stop by to look all the time and most seem to think it looks very nice," says Janet, noting that the vertical stripes on the house are 1 in. wide and the horizontal line is 1½ to 2 in. in width, painted in dark green.

MAKES CROOKED TREES STAND UP STRAIGHT

New “Easy-Adjust” X-Mas Tree Stand

You'll like this new no-nonsense Christmas tree stand that makes it easy to stand your tree up straight.

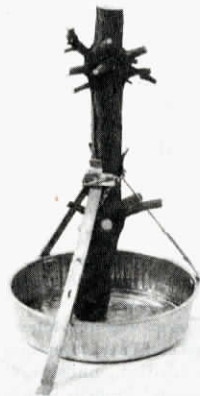
The key to the stand is an offset metal spike mounted on a sliding metal plate in the bottom of the galvanized steel stand. The bottom of the tree sticks onto this spike and is held in place by three braces. It is then repositioned by turning the metal slide until the tree pivots into its best upright position and is tightened into place with a wing nut.

"Unlike conventional tree stands, you can put this stand on while the tree is lying on its side and then, once the tree is standing, simply straighten it up," says inventor Harlan Halvorson, Easton, Minn., noting that the 1½ gal. capacity tree stand also requires less refilling.

Halvorson sells the stand for \$14.95 for trees up to 6 in. in dia. A larger model for trees up to 24 ft. high sells for \$65.

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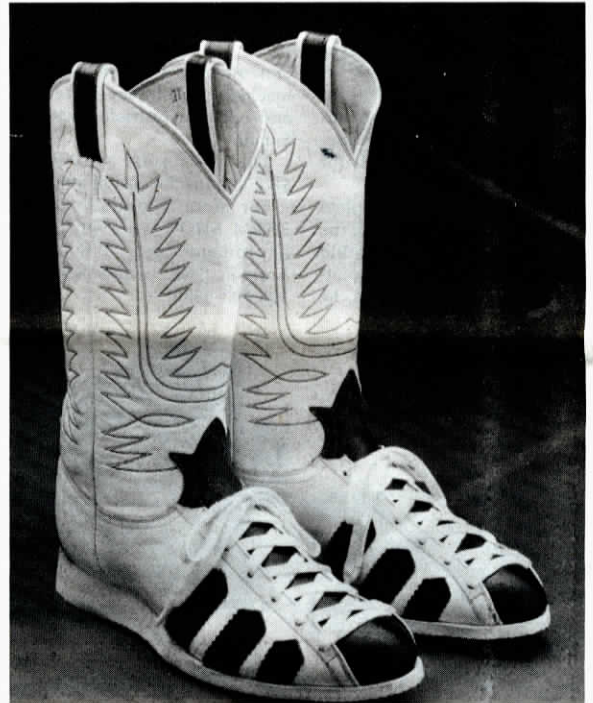
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Tree straightens up by simply turning plate in bottom of pan.

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New boots have the comfort of a tennis shoe with the support of a high-topped boot.

THE NEW “TENY LAMA”

‘High-Top’ Tennis Shoes Catch On In Texas

Texas cowboys are starting to wear a new boot in their off hours that combines the comfort of a tennis shoe with the support of a boot.

The “Teny Lama” is the brainchild of Louis Lama, president of the Tony Lama Company, El Paso, Texas. At first, the laughter was “long and loud”, according to a company representative, until a few cowboys tried them on and discovered they're really comfortable.

The tops of the new boots are

leather but the soles are rubber. The non-functional shoelaces are strictly decorative. With jeans down over the top of the elaborately stitched tops, the boots look like ordinary sneakers.

The “Teny Lamas” sell for \$135 and are available in white, blue, brown, or red.

For more information, contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Tony Lama Co., Inc., 137 Tony Lama Drive, El Paso, Tex. 79915 (ph 915 778-8311).