

# HINTS FOR HOMEOWNERS

## Basic Basement Remodeling

(NAPSA)—Basement remodeling can be a great place to start to extend the amount of livable space in a home. With some work and dedication, the basement can be transformed into a comfortable family retreat. Here are some tips:

- **Prepare.** Check the walls, floors and ceilings for cracks and water damage. The best time to do this is right after a hard rain. This will enable you to see any water that has leaked into the basement. Once any damage has been identified, apply hydraulic cement to repair it. For other surface repairs, the Power Grab Pressure Pack™ is suitable on multiple surfaces such as concrete, brick, and drywall. Its innovative adhesive dispensing system makes application easy and precise.

- **Floors.** A few to consider are: vinyl, carpet and wood. If you decide to use a carpeted or wood floor, the area must be completely dry to avoid irreparable water damage to wood floors and odor and stains on carpet.

- **Walls.** Paneling is a popular option for basement walls because it is easy to install, affordable and durable. To install the panels, you will need a heavy-duty construction adhesive specialized for bonding large surfaces. Try Loctite® Paneling and Drywall adhesive. Its instant grab feature eliminates the need to brace the panels and it is also convenient to use indoors because it has no odor and can be cleaned up with water.

- **Ceilings.** Basement ceilings offer a unique challenge to create a nice look while working with a



minimal amount of headroom. Two ceiling choices to consider are the dropped or suspended ceiling or the furred ceiling. Dropped ceilings can be easily removed to reach plumbing and ductwork. Furred ceilings can be finished with wood boards.

- **Lighting.** Recessed lighting can be used to avoid the hazards of hanging fixtures in an area with little headroom. Wall sconces are another option. They aim the light towards the ceiling, which creates the illusion that the ceilings are higher than they really are.

- **Plumbing.** Bathrooms are common additions to basements that add convenience. Before embarking on a plumbing project, check building codes.

- **Fun finishes.** The basement can be a wonderful place for a pool table or pinball machine. The family can also enjoy watching television or movies in the space.

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