



## How Do You Know When To Buy New Refrigerators?

You may have trouble deciding when to get another refrigerator. Refrigerators are one of the oldest types of appliances. Yours could be on its last legs. Even if it is still doing good work, repair bills may be in the offing. And when the refrigerator fails there is inconvenience. Sometimes there is food loss.

On the other hand, appliances are sturdily made, and even if it is moderately old, your refrigerator may have years of good service left in it.

In that case you may ask yourself how it fits into your home. Are you content to go on at the same old grind of housework in the same old way, or are you ready to move ahead into new dimensions of effective living?

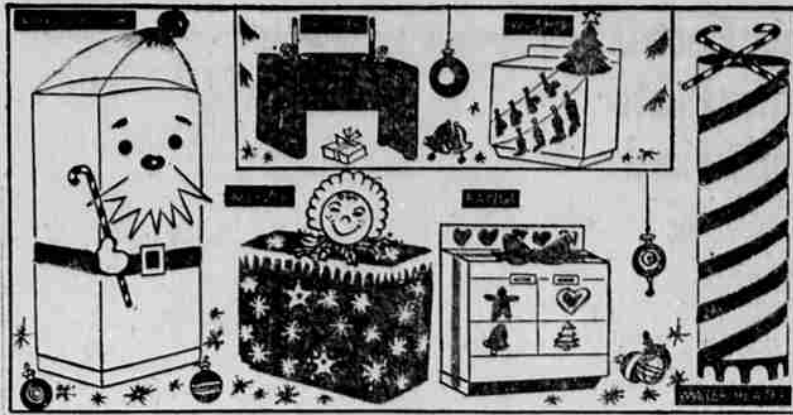
Some experts compare this home problem to the decisions that have to be made in American factories. In plant after plant, the managers are ripping out perfectly good machines which could have years of service ahead of them. There are better machines today and the factories can do a better job with the new.

Today, there are new refrigerators, too. You have a much wider choice than you did when you got your last refrigerator.

Do you have automatic or semi-automatic defrosting? In automatic defrosting, the refrigerator decides the time for the job and does it. In semi-automatic defrosting, you tell the refrigerator when to act. In one case, it is completely off your mind, and you don't have to bother about it. In the other case, you can adjust the arrangement of food before defrosting. Some people find their storage plan calls for human supervision.

You may be buying a freezer. You may be getting one of the combination freezer-refrigerators or paired units that stand side by side.

You may like your freezer space above the refrigerator. But you probably use the refrigerator more than a freezer. Some people find it more convenient to have the freezer space at the bottom, and



**GUESS WHAT? —** To add a festive holiday note and to keep them guessing, dress up your appliance gifts in gay wrappings with Yuletide motifs. Here are some suggestions from Dennison's designers which can serve to inspire you to many attractive variations.

## 90 MILLION GAS APPLIANCES IN USE TODAY



**MORE** than 90 million gas appliances valued at \$16.4 billion are currently in use in the United States. Of this number, 71.5 million are served by utility gas and the remainder by LP or bottled gas. The 35 million gas-using families average almost three gas appliances apiece.

### BUILT IN FACILITIES

Today's steel kitchen cabinets provide built-in facilities such as pull-out shelves and racks.

### CUTS DOWN COLDS

An automatic dryer cuts down on colds and dapper hands.

There are many refrigerators built that way.

The new wall refrigerators which become part of the kitchen shelving are convenient in many kitchen layouts. Other types are built into the wall itself. You can also get counter-type refrigerators with work space on top. And some people use two small units instead of one large one.

You can get refrigerator doors that can open right or left, and some have devices that permit the same door to open either way at your convenience. Your choice could make a big difference in the number of steps you take. It depends on your kitchen plan.

## Wrap Christmas Gifts For Surprises

For years Father and the youngsters have been baffled about how to present Mother with a White Christmas gift of a major kitchen appliance and wrap it so it would come as a huge surprise.

The problem of how to disguise these gleaming gifts has been solved this season in some imaginative ways by Dennison stylists.

Here are some suggestions that may be just what you're looking for:

The new refrigerator can be turned into a happy Santa by covering the entire appliance with red crepe paper. An easy way to do it is to wind the paper in layers around the refrigerator horizontally, securing the ends with tape.

**How To Do It**  
Make Santa's belt by folding black crepe paper and placing it around the middle of the appliance, taping it down in back. The buckle is a large square of gold foil taped on the black belt.

Use a real mitten or cut a mitten shape from green paper and tape it to the front, sticking a candy cane in it.

For Santa's face: tape on a table tennis ball or a large tree ball for the nose, use large gummed stars or round notary seals for the eyes, black masking tape for the mouth. Stick on cotton for eyebrows and beard.

To make Santa's cap, cover a large cardboard carton with more red crepe, bringing it to a point at the top. Add a wad of cotton for a pompon, and stick it at a jaunty angle on Santa's head.

Disguise the new ironer as a fireplace. You can do this by covering it completely with brick-patterned crepe paper. Use cellophane tape to hold the paper in place. Mass greens and pine cones on top. Pile the family's presents in the opening. Andirons and other fireplace equipment — if you have it on hand — will add a realistic touch.

For the new washer let the whole family share in the fun of

decorating. Cut two tree shapes from green construction paper. Staple together down the center. Fold one side forward, the other back. Tape to one corner of the washer.

Drape two lengths of red cord or tinsel rope across the front, hanging small mitts and Christmas stockings on them. Tuck lollipops into them. The mitts and stockings can be cut from double thickness of colorful crepe, then the sides stitched together.

### Trim with Snowflakes

Snowflakes printed on midnight blue crepe make a perfect coverup for that freezer. Get packaged pre-cut crepe icicles and tape them around the top.

For a humorous touch, blow up a yellow balloon — or find last summer's beach ball — and with plastic tape make slant eyes and smiling mouth of an Eskimo boy on it. Tape on cotton for the hood. Add a wreath of greens at the neck. Clever?

Trim the new range with large versions of Christmas goodies, such as gingerbread figures, cookies and so forth. Cut them from brown construction paper and tape in place. Tie it all together with a 10-inch band of bright red flame-proof crepe.

Loop more crepe together for a bow on top. A cylinder-shaped hot-water heater can be made to look like a kingsize candy cane by spiraling Christmas red flameproof crepe streamers around it. Secure streamers here and there with cellophane tape.

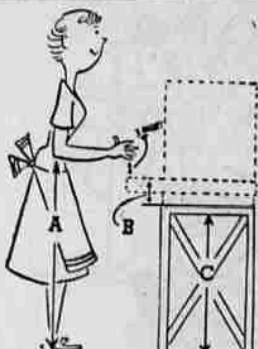
### TIMES HAVE CHANGED

Today's homemaker spends less than three hours a day preparing meals in an all-gas kitchen. The housewife of yesteryear had to work nine hours a day in a hot, smoky kitchen to cook her family's food.

For a Christmas gift that keeps you young — ask Santa for a wash-dryer.



**RAIDERS —** There's always plenty of ice in the modern gas refrigerator when the youngsters come looking. With the magic ice server keeping a constant supply on hand, you'll never run out — one of the many pleasures to be had from your new refrigerator.



**FIGURE IT YOURSELF:** Here's how to find your best oven height: Measure A, the number of inches from floor to elbow. Subtract three inches, the distance to allow between forearm and open oven door. Subtract B, the distance between top of the opened oven door and top surface of oven frame. These two subtractions leave you with C, the height to which the oven's receiving frame should be built.

### SPACE VS APPLIANCE

Years ago kitchen space was measured to provide shelf and cabinet room for a variety of auxiliary cooking appliances. Now the trend is in reverse, says the Gas Appliance Manufacturers Association, and the space is being used for food storage or practical placement of china and utensils.

The reason? Manufacturers now are producing gas ranges equipped with special controls, griddles, rotisserie ovens and other features to take care of special cooking functions which formerly required auxiliary appliances.

### WHERE TO NOW?

What happens to the old gas range when the home improver provides a shiny new one for the kitchen? The Gas Appliance Manufacturers Association recommends a cellar spot for the old one.

It will be ready for coffee breaks for the improver himself when he's at workbench tasks, or for his wife when she's at the laundry or other cellar chores.

The extra cooking capacity fits in when the guest list taxes even the spacious modern gas range.

### ABOUT FREEZER FOOTS

Do not refreeze thawed foods. After they are cooked, however, they may be returned to the freezer.

### FREEZER HINT

Try to arrange foods in your freezer so that those frozen first are used first.

### RANGE RAINBOW

Gas ranges now are made with enamel surfaces in black, blue, brown, copper, green, gray, yellow, pink, red, tan, white and yellow. Metallic finishes come in antique bronze, antique copper, bright chrome, satin chrome and stainless steel.

Surveys by the American Gas Association show that yellow and green are favorite colors. Stainless steel works beautifully with any color.

### WHAT IS NATURAL GAS?

Have you been wondering just what natural gas is? Formed millions of years ago through the decomposition of matter, it is found in pockets of sponge-like rock far below the earth's surface. It can only be found by drilling successive wells until the gas-bearing strata is located.



**GLAMORIZE IT —** The thoughtful husband will tuck a surprise into the appliance he's giving his wife for Christmas. Roses, perhaps. Or her favorite perfume. It doesn't have to be big or expensive — just very personal and slightly sentimental.

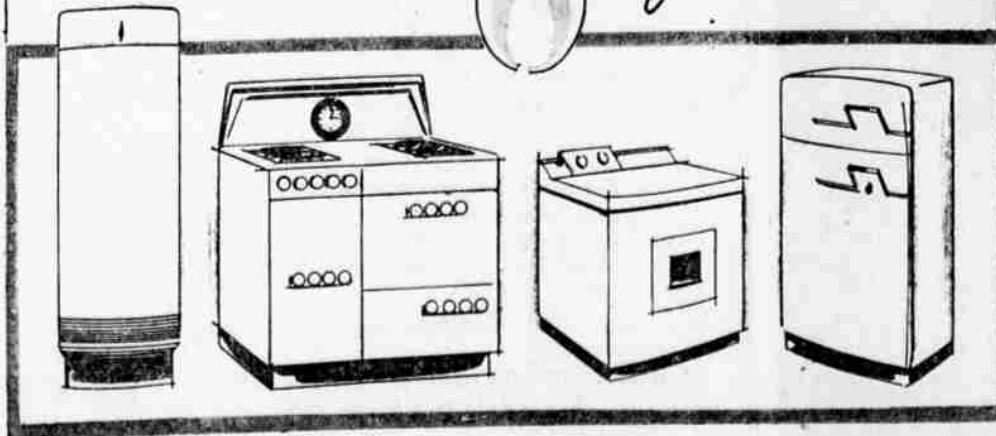
# GIFTS THAT KEEP ON GIVING—

## Give her an automatic gas appliance for Christmas

It's the newest trend, and she'll love any one of them. A modern automatic gas range is faster... more controllable... cooler... smokeless broiling! And with the modern top-burner heat control she can dial any heat and make all her pots and pans automatic! Or give her an automatic gas clothes dryer

... it's so much faster... more economical. Or the glamorous new Ice Server Gas Refrigerator. No trays... no defrosting! Or an automatic gas water heater will give her loads of really hot, "sanitizing" water to make all her household work easier! And remember — gas is so much faster!

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