



LOTS OF SPACE—A large cooking area makes it easy for the cook. Shown above is a six-burner stove which becomes an integral part of the stainless-steel counter, which in turn blends into the steel sink.

Possibility of Fire Most Dangerous of Hazards to Kitchen

You can build safety into your kitchen. Fire is one of the most important kitchen dangers. Americans have been learning that more than the dinner may be burned when kitchen operations get out of hand. Since you can't burn a steel cabinet, it can be an important element of safety in a well-planned kitchen. Planning can also provide safety in other ways. Are there obstacle courses in your kitchen? If the light burns out, can you blunder into obstructions or sharp corners? A modern kitchen is planned to keep such hazards at a minimum.

Curved Units Safer
Now it is possible to get curved end units for steel cabinets which can be used to make the kitchen safer. Small fry and even adults can find sharp corners dangerous—and painful.

Also, there are other levels of safety to plan into your kitchen. You can hurt yourself by excessive reaching for things on high shelves. Kitchen experts can help you plan your kitchen so that such reaching is kept at a minimum. Wall cabinets should be installed at convenient heights for the people who will use them.

Another hazard is fatigue. You can plan work surfaces so that much kitchen work can be done while you are sitting down. You will find base cabinets designed for this purpose.

What About Noise?
And what about noise? That can be annoying, but is it a hazard? Experts report that small irritating noises repeated over and over again also can be a source of fatigue. And when you are tired you are likely to have accidents.

Some clutter is the result of the very nature of kitchen work, but a lot of noise may be due to poorly made equipment. In the dark ages of kitchen construction, steel cabinets were a source of annoying noise. But not any more. If you have a cabinet with lids or doors that bang and ring when they are opened or closed, you don't have modern equipment.

Today, doors, lids, drawers and other moving parts are cushioned to work silently. Working parts from drawer glides to hinges are designed to work easily and quietly for long years of service.

Drawers do not fall out, and yet they open fully—they are made that way. Doors always hang true. They open and close smoothly.

Peninsulas often are used to divide areas where a big room is used for more than one purpose. It can divide laundry from kitchen or kitchen from dining area, for example.

In using either island or peninsula, quarter round steel cabinets at the ends will avoid sharp corners.

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In many cases what at first appears to be a major obstacle can be turned into an asset without expensive structural changes just by using the appropriate cabinet. Most kitchen planners today do not follow a rigid pattern. But there are a number of standard kitchen layouts. If you know what they are, you can modify them or mix them up to meet your personal needs.

Here are the most important: 1. U shape. Here storage cabinets, equipment and appliances are installed around three sides of the room. The sink usually is in the center, the refrigerator and range at the two ends. Usually it is planned so you work from left to right. But if you are a lefty, you might wish to reverse that.

2. L shape. Here all units are arranged around two walls with a work pattern like that for the U shape. Most experts like to stock in some modification of U or L where possible, because these plan bring work centers close together.

3. I shape. Units are arranged along one wall with the work moving in a single line from refrigerator to sink to range.

4. Corridor kitchen. Suitable for long, narrow room. Units are ranged along opposite walls for maximum convenience.

5. Island. So called when it stands free with floor space all around it. When one end abuts a wall it is called "peninsula." These are for large kitchens. They are adaptations of a plan Grandma often used with a work table in the middle of the room.

With modern equipment, the range or even the sink can be put in an island. Often they have storage cabinets around them. A more common type of island is two standard steel base cabinets back to back. A plastic counter top usually is put over both cabinets for a work surface.

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HANGING CABINETS—The versatility of steel is illustrated in the hanging cabinets above, which put everything the housewife needs in easy reach as she works either at the sink or in the dining area.

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New Steel Cabinets Must Fit Your Kitchen Layout

Make it efficient. Make it beautiful. But above all, make it yours. These are the things kitchen experts are telling people who want to make their kitchens modern.

Steel cabinets are the building blocks you use to do all these things. The cabinets must fit your floor space and your kitchen layout. They must team with the appliances you have or plan. They must harmonize in shape and color with your scheme of decoration.

A wide variety of shapes, colors and types are available. You can combine them in an infinite number of ways to fit your needs.

Color? With so many colors from which to choose, your color scheme for the kitchen can be treated in the same way that you treat other rooms of your home, the experts say. Are you sure of your own taste? Then go ahead with your own plans just as you do in other parts of the house.

Remember, Colors Permanent
But remember, the colors you pick for your new steel cabinets are permanent. Don't pick something you are likely to get tired of in the years to come.

If you want help, you can call in a professional decorator, or your kitchen cabinet dealer can help you select colors that go together.

Current favorites are pink, turquoise and yellow. Others that are available range from the softest pastels to deeper reds and browns and copper. All the colors for steel cabinets are developed by paint specialists. They are easy to live with and mix or match with virtually any color scheme.

Some kitchen decorators today are using two or even three color tones in the cabinets. But white is still a prime favorite. Bright colors are often used in curtains, wall coverings, and flooring to set off the white.

Often, the most colorful accessories are those which can be replaced easily with the thought that some people like to change home decorating schemes periodically.

Do you like the popular built-in appliances? You can house them in steel cabinets that fit perfectly into your layout.

Does planning along straight lines annoy you? Gently rounded effects are a part of many modern kitchens. There are cur-

ved door units, open-shelf cabinets and what-not shelves in standard units for both wall and floor level.

And you can let your imagination soar among the many varieties of specialized units. There are snack bars, work desks, planning counters, and a wide variety of accessories. You can fit them together to meet your personal needs.

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Insurance Firm Files Suit in Court Here

Hardware Dealers Mutual Fire Insurance company has filed a suit in district court, asking \$1,327 from the Medford Furniture store for what they allege is failure to provide adequate precautions against fire in their building.

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You can combine them in intriguing ways. For example, put a counter top between a pair of steel base cabinets. That will make a handy desk for the homemaker.

Electrical Devices Important in Kitchen

Important in new steel kitchens are an increasing number of electrical devices. There were 19 different kinds of electrical appliances in 1930. Today there are 54 and more are being developed. Some 338 million were sold from 1950 to 1955.

American families have lost their servants, but they are doing something about it—4,000 new electric ranges a day, for example and a million more food freezers a year. These are being added to the 13 million ranges and 7 million freezers in use.

Idea Spreads to Farms
And "new kitchen" means something. Such items as dishwashers and waste disposers were not found in typical homes a few years ago. Such housewares as electric deep fryers, egg cookers, and roasters have become popular in very recent times.

And the whole electric kitchen idea has spread to the farms—83 per cent of them have electricity compared with a tiny fraction in 1930.

The result is shown in home use of electricity. Experts tell us the average U.S. home is using more and more electricity. They think home use will equal industrial use in about 17 years.

There is every indication that the amount used in the average home is continuing to go up. It was 547 kw hours a year in 1930 and was up to 2,330 by 1953.

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Miller Proclaims Buddy Poppy Days

Mayor Earl M. Miller has proclaimed Friday and Saturday, May 25 and 26, as Buddy Poppy days in Medford.

In issuing the proclamation, Mayor Miller pointed out that most of the Buddy Poppy funds collected locally by the Veterans of Foreign Wars will remain in the community. He added that the remainder will go to the National Home for widows and orphans supported by the VFW and to help maintain the veterans rehabilitation service.

He further stated, "I call upon all to wear a Buddy Poppy as evidence of our gratitude to the men of this nation who left their native soil to fight for the cause of freedom which we continue to enjoy as American citizens."

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