

Styling Reaches New High in Kitchens, Appliances Made of Steel for All Homes

The most exciting and fashion-conscious room in the home today is the kitchen. Dramatic styling has reached a new high in steel kitchens and appliances. No wonder women all over the country are scheming and dreaming of ways to bring these modern developments into their own kitchens.

Setting the pace for the smart new look is the streamlined design of steel kitchen cabinets. They are the keynote around which to build a successful remodeling and decorating plan. Their simple elegance is the perfect background for appliances which seem more like a dream than a reality.

Whether you have a large rambling kitchen or one just big enough to turn around in, the versatility of steel cabinets makes the most of every inch of available space. Valuable corners are used to advantage by rotary base and wall cabinets which remind one of a carousel. Equipped with lazy Susan shelves, a touch of the hand brings every item into view.

Shallow Cabinets
Newly featured shallow cabinets take advantage of that valuable "middle area" between base and wall cabinets. Sliding doors of glass or other decorative materials permit easy access to the contents of the cabinets without getting in the way of the counter work area. These cabinets are often used in combination with base and wall cabinets to form a wall divider unit that partially shuts off the view of the kitchen from the dining area in a large family-style kitchen.

These shallow cabinets are just the right size to install an inter-com system for a really deluxe feature. Without moving from the kitchen, you can talk to other members of the family or keep an ear tuned to infant cries from the nursery.

Many steel cabinets are available with glass doors to exhibit a prized collection of glass or china. Grilled doors used on a sink front or to enclose a radiator add interesting variety.

Putting some cabinets on stainless steel legs instead of using the traditional method of installation is a trend that adds a spacious floating look to the room.

Even sink fixtures have been simplified. Instead of requiring two faucet handles, now a single lever faucet controls both the water flow and the temperature.

Stainless Steel Adds Drama
In line with the decorating theory that many materials are beautiful in their own right, stainless steel is used extensively in most elegant kitchens shown today by outstanding designers.

Appearing in built-in electric ranges, refrigerators, dishwashers, sinks and counters, the gleam of stainless steel breathes life and beauty into the room. A feeling of strength and permanence is imparted by its glow.

Dramatic accents of stainless steel can be carried out in the decorating scheme through the use of ventilating hoods, bullet ceiling light fixtures, pots and pans hung on the wall or from a stainless rack, and stainless trays and flatware designed for contemporary or traditional table settings.

One of the newest uses for stainless steel is combining it in narrow strips with rubber or vinyl tiles for a truly outstanding floor treatment.

Electric Appliances Spotlights
The beauty of electric appliances masks the magic chores they automatically perform. Their straight, simple lines fit perfectly with those of steel cabinets. Manufacturers have been working harder than ever to build appliances in standard-sized units which will easily combine with standard cabinets.

Built-in ranges, refrigerators and freezers permit great versatility in kitchen arrangement. One oven can be raised or lowered mechanically to suit the height of the user. Its counter top provides extra work space. Refrigerator sections and freezer sections can be located in one spot or separated. Units which hang on the wall — just like cabinets — offer many unusual possibilities for your kitchen plan.

Even in the laundry area, automatic washers and dryers are manufactured for built-in installation.

Electronic ovens that let you stage your own dramatic cooking performance in a matter of seconds are designed to fit in the same space as standard built-in electric ovens. Even if you don't buy this exciting appliance right now, you'll have a spot for it in the kitchen when you do.

And to keep a kitchen looking its elegant self, a dishwasher lets you whisk soiled dishes out of sight as fast as they appear. An electric garbage disposer in the sink cooperates to make the kitchen the glamour spot it was designed to be.

Few Good Tools Essential for Work In Home Gardening

Only a relatively few good tools, surprisingly enough, are essential for successful gardening, according to the National Retail Hardware Association.

A spade, a rake, a hoe and a trowel will do most of the jobs required by the run-of-the-mill amateur gardener. They should feel good to the gardener and should be of a weight and size equal to the strength of the user. Women should select smaller and lighter tools.

A round-nosed spade with a D-handle is the best tool for turning over hard soil or for spreading fertilizer. A long-handled spade will facilitate the digging of deep holes or turning over large chunks of soil.

One of the most versatile tools for a small garden is an ordinary hoe. Weeding, cultivating and seeding can be done with the one tool. Furrows can be opened by tilting the hoe at an angle. The same hoe will cover the seeds and tamp them. For close work, in crowded areas, a small hand scratcher is helpful.

Steel Rake
A steel rake is best for most heavy gardening. However, one must use a steel rake with care to avoid uprooting tender plants and grass. Many gardeners do their lawn-raking with a bamboo or rubber rake.

A trowel is a handy tool for digging up seedlings and small plants and for putting and small digging. The best trowel is the one-piece, stainless-steel variety, with a wooden handle covering a steel shank. The size and shape of the trowel should be carefully selected to fit the gardener's hand.

Once these basic tools have been purchased, the amateur gardener should add others as



EASILY ADJUSTED—Shelves are easily adjusted in this steel utility cabinet, adding to its varied uses for the homemaker. Without the shelves, the lower compartment is designed for storing brooms, mops, the vacuum sweeper, and other long-handled household articles. With addition of shelves, it can be used for storing canned goods, cleaning supplies, bottles, linens or a host of other items. The cabinet is 84 inches high, 24 inches wide, and 13 inches deep. Whether the cabinet is used in the kitchen, bathroom, laundry, or pantry, it is practically a storage wall in itself.

A husband who likes to cook should have a spot in the kitchen for his private domain. Include in your remodeling plans an extra stainless steel sink and cabinet for his salad tossing and drink mixing supplies to keep him happily out from underfoot.

he needs them. Most gardeners possess a pruning shears, a hose, a grass clipper, a watering can and a wheelbarrow. These should be selected, again, with an eye to quality and convenience.

All tools should be cleaned after each use.

Adequate Place to Work Important in Doing Own Repairs

Having decided to join the growing fraternity of do-it-yourself O.H.I. craftsmen, where do you start? The answer, of course, is start by selecting and equipping an adequate place to work, a shop area for your do-it-yourself activities.

In selecting the physical location for your shop, don't skimp on space. Take every inch you can spare. It will pay off later, and you'll be glad you allowed enough. As a bare minimum, six by twelve feet will suffice, but with stationary power tools, a ten by twenty area is closer to the ideal.

After choosing the spot, think next of floor, walls, ceiling, electrical outlets and lighting. Asphalt, rubber or cork tile are best for the floor. Walls can be finished pretty much to taste, but wood paneling or a sound-deadening insulation board are always good.

Allow yourself plenty of electrical outlets—115 volts, properly grounded—particularly in the main work areas of your shop. Overhead lighting—preferably fluorescent—is best, and again provide for plenty to prevent eye-strain on close work.

In selecting tools, make a good choice of the hand variety your first consideration. Buy them individually or as a "kit," several good ones of which are available by reputable manufacturers. Perforated hardboard panels provide a convenient way of storing hand tools right on the wall for easy reach.

Portable electric tools such as the quarter inch drill and six or eight inch saw may be your next step.

When you select a stationary type power tool you know you're really in the shop "business." A hint—to save both money and space, investigate the popular multi-purpose units, which will keep your investment to a minimum and leave more room for other shop activity.

Four Rules Listed For Keeping Lawn

Best way to keep a good lawn good is to feed it twice a year—in the Spring and in the Fall. Here are four simple rules to follow for best results at least cost:

(1) Feeding: When the grass is dry broadcast a plant food specially formulated for lawns, 2 lbs. to each 100 sq. ft. Water the lawn immediately after applying fertilizer.

(2) Watering: During late Spring and early Summer, never water the lawn until absolutely necessary, then give it a good soaking to a depth of 4 to 5 inches. Too frequent and too light waterings cause shallow rooting and weaken the grass.

(3) Mowing: Do not clip too close. Use a sharp mower and adjust so as to cut at least 1½ inches above ground.

(4) Liming: Apply finely ground limestone every three years or so—5 lbs. per 100 sq. ft. If soil is sandy, apply 3 lbs. per 100 sq. ft.

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Many upholstery materials are now treated with a chemical which acts as an invisible slipcover. It protects the fabrics from spills and makes them much more resistant to dirt than they formerly were.

One of the simplest and most effective ways to give a new look to an old house is to carpet the front hall and stairway. Gracious living is not only suggested in appearance, but in use: The stairs are safer, quieter and more comfortable underfoot. A gay pattern goes well in this traffic area.

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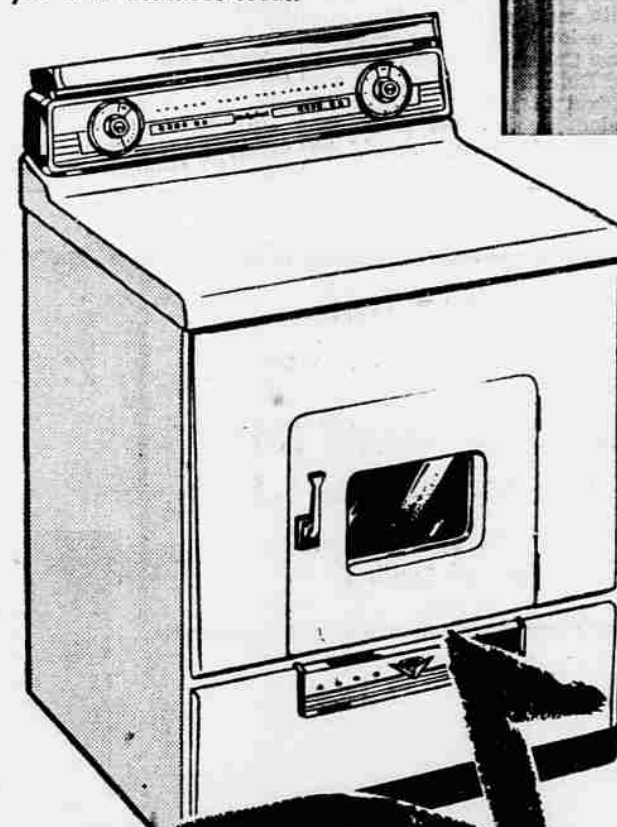
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