

Families Find It Easier to Change House Than Neighborhood



CABANA DESIGN—As more homeowners add pools to their property, interest grows in ideas to make pools even more enjoyable. This stimulated the design of the cabana shown here. Wood roof and marine plywood exterior construction help resist weathering. Inside there's a small storage closet, men's and women's dressing rooms, an across-the-front patio is open on two sides and has a bar and stools. The overall dimensions are 18'x22'; the patio is 9'x18'.

A family that is content with its neighborhood — has children in school and except for its space shortage, is satisfied with the house, is not likely to want to change dwellings. What, then, does this family do to find that needed extra space right at home?

Look for Space

It's obvious that you "make space" if it doesn't exist. Generally, any home can be expanded when skillfully remodeled. For instance, unused attics and basements can be converted into useful living space. Kitchens, bathrooms and other areas can be rearranged to be more efficient within existing space. Where the lot size and shape permit it, adding on a room may solve the space problem.

One of the best ways to figure out what you can do is to look at what others have done in similar situations. Here are some examples of families who solved their space problems through remodeling.

Attic Finished

One family, with a post-war two-bedroom home, discovered that the attic helped solve their problem. Its 325 square feet was being used as a catchall for unwanted "junk" — the kind that most families collect.

and functional bedroom-playroom for the family's two boys. The more than 150 square feet of space converted for the boys' use included wardrobes and plenty of built-in storage space.

A double storage unit divided the boys' wardrobe while providing additional space for books, toys and other necessary items. The beds also were designed to allow for storage space.

Points to Consider

On any home remodeling project, it's best to consider some important points:

- Plan the project carefully with the help of professionals. A remodeling job is as important as building a new home.
- Consider materials to be used in the remodeling, for maintenance as well as eye-appeal.
- Keep in mind the future value of the residence. The remodeling may cost more than the amount its value may increase.
- Never hurry into a remodeling project. Take as much time as you would in planning a new home. Just remember, you'll be living with it a long time.

Sound System Is Not Costly

A low cost sound control system particularly good for multi-family dwellings, has been introduced by Johns-Manville. The new system, called "Soundlike," may be used in wall and floor construction.

It consists of a lamination of "Soundlike" Fiberboard and Gypsum Wallboard and provides a level of sound transmission control not usually present in ordinary construction. It may take five different forms.

In walls, "Soundlike" may be used with standard stud construction, staggered stud construction, or staggered stud construction with an air space. In floors it may be used either in two or three-layer construction.

This system fulfills two essentials for a good sound control system. It cuts sound transmission because of its double construction and it also eliminates sound "leaks" by blocking air flow through the construction.

These elements, plus the fact that it may be installed quickly and at low cost, make the "Soundlike" system particularly suitable for many new and conservation building programs.

A folder on the "Soundlike" system may be obtained free of charge by writing Johns-Manville, Dept. SS 962, 22 East 40th St., New York 16, N.Y.

Steel Kitchen Cabinets Found In Galaxy of Color and Woods

Not too many years ago women thought of steel kitchen cabinetry in terms of antiseptic white. These days, wise homemakers think of modern steel cabinets as miracles of color, style and texture.

Steel kitchen cabinets come with panels of rich woods and colorful plastics, they have glass inserts and decorative grilles. Almost any period or design may be found today in kitchen cabinets which cannot warp or crack, and which will function properly for years and years.

More Colors

The steel cabinet industry, with the help of imaginative designers, has developed more than 70 colors for their cabinets. These hues range from light, sandy tones to rich browns and reds, pinks, golds, sunny yellows and cool blues, dove greys, charcoals, greens and blue-greens — all in baked-on finishes that are long-lasting and require only a swish of a damp cloth to keep them fresh and sparkling.

These cabinets come in countless shapes and sizes; singly, or in combination, modern steel kitchen cabinets fit almost any space.

Undersink cabinets, for instance, range from three to six feet in width, with a choice every six inches in between. Base cabinets and wall cabinets offer just as wide a choice.

But it's the wide range of built-in conveniences that makes a homemaker happy. Modern steel cabinets are available today with built-in bulletin boards, silver and linen storage, automatic can openers, bins for staples and vegetables, holders for paper towels and waxed paper, towel driers, and even special units for sewing machines and desks. Thanks to the combination of steel's durability with such things as nylon rollers, the drawers won't stick, and doors shut tight on magnetic catches.

Wood Panels

Modern steel kitchen cabinets are also styled with panels of natural oak, cherry, walnut, birch or other woods for Early American or other period decors. For the modern-minded matron there are plastic panels in matching or contrasting colors, or even wood-grained finishes.

Steel cabinets are available with grilles and see-through glass panels to show off fine china and glassware. It's no wonder that a trend toward wall-to-wall steel kitchens has developed. They permit complete color-styling, not only of the kitchen itself, but also in tune with the other rooms of the house.

Full-Time Dawn to Dark Job Held Woman in Home in 1900

At the turn of the century, a woman's place was in the home simply because running a home was a full-time job. A job that occupied the lady of the house from dawn until bedtime.

Today, of course, homemakers spend less time in the house, whether or not she works. Community organizations, children's groups, all demand her time — and take her away from the hearthside. Thanks to modern equipment, which has kept pace with, and often foreshadowed her new liberty, woman today can maintain a well-run home and serve nutritious and tasty meals with far less effort than her grandmother expended.

steel basins, to cut down upkeep and increase wear. Automatic dishwashers roll out from under cabinets, to conserve space; or are free-standing, so they can be moved anywhere in the kitchen. Stoves are controlled by push-buttons to adjust heat and measure cooking time.

Handy Kitchen

Another sign of the space age is the advent of cookware that can be taken directly from the freezer and placed on the range-top. Skillets, saucepans, beverage servers and percolators are now made

of Pyroceram brand glass ceramic, developed by Corning Glass Works. These cooking utensils do double duty as serving pieces since they are all made for use with detachable handles.

Since Pyroceram glass ceramic is non-porous material, food won't stick to the inside of skillets and saucepans, which makes dishwashing a snap... even if done by hand.

Flavors and odors don't remain, either, since they cannot penetrate the surface of the material.



Grandma's Day

Glance back 63 years to the kitchen of 1900 and it's evident why a homemaker was housebound. Grandma had to feed the stove (with wood or coal) before she could light the fire. She had to light the fire and get the heat controlled before she could begin to cook. And when it came to cooking, she literally had to get down on her hands and knees to do it! The "modern" stove of that era had a low-slung oven that required much bending and stooping.

Grandma peeled, scraped, diced, sliced, puffed and cored before she boiled, stewed, fried or baked vegetables and fruits. And, when dinner was over, stove-blackened pots and pans had to be scraped and scoured by hand.

Brand-New

The modern kitchen is palatable proof that the space age has arrived. New kitchens include wall-hung ovens — some heated instantly with infra-red rays — that open at a touch and are at waist level. Sinks feature stainless

LAMINATED—The beauty of woodgrain laminates combines with the durability of steel in decorator-inspired kitchen cabinets. Just a swish of a damp sponge keeps the cabinets fresh and sparkling. Drawers and doors never swell, rot, warp or stick; the metal, of course, resists grease and stains of all types.

Enlarged Garage Gives New Space

Does your car fit your garage? That's not an idle question. A good many of us are making the discovery that today's longer models are too much for our over-taxed garages. They simply won't fit.

It's a real problem, and the only answer — to enlarge the garage — looms as a major undertaking.

But if you think of it as a remodeling job, the adding of needed space as important to you as the finishing off of an attic or the addition of an extra bedroom, it becomes a worthwhile undertaking. It isn't too difficult to visualize the garage extension project as a means of improving your home and property. The more attractive you make it, the more valuable becomes your home.

In most cases you will be able to extend either toward the front or toward the rear, whichever is the most convenient. But if you extend the front, remember you will need to rehang the garage doors. On the other hand, by extending the rear you can provide access to a sheltered porch or a backyard patio.

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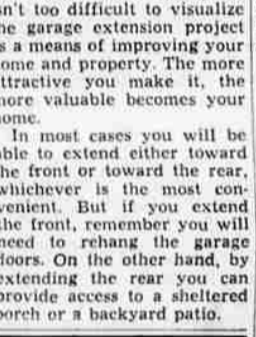
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