



**THIS CHARMING**, country-style kitchen is a perfect example of the warm decorative effects being achieved today with white steel cabinets and appliances. To contrast with the white cabinets, bright color accents are introduced in the red and white checked gingham wallpaper, canisters and seat covers. A unique decorative touch is the handsome old dinner bell identical to those used on farms to call hungry farm hands from the barn and fields. Note the wealth of storage space and the clean, well-ordered appearance of the white steel cabinets.

## Grandmother's Work Table Bobs Up In Modern Kitchen

Grandmother's old kitchen work table has bobbed up again in the modern, streamlined kitchen, but what a face lifting it has had.

Since the compact, three-step kitchens being designed today have no floor room for the conventional table, the equivalent work surface now appears as a cover over the built-in. And, what a wonderful move this has been.

Where Grandmother had to walk all around the kitchen to gather up her baking and cooking ingredients and carry them all to the table, and had to lug fresh vegetables from cooler to the table for cleaning, her modern counterpart merely reaches out within arm's length for everything she needs.

The ideal work surface today is generally a full-sized butcher block of some hardwood covering a sizeable area. It tops an island or peninsula work and storage unit. When built of flexible, easy to handle west coast hemlock or Douglas fir, the unit can be designed to fit individual needs of the housewife who wants her kitchen different and who hates to have to adapt her own planning to standard size ready-mades.

These hemlock or fir working areas are compact and handy. At one end of the cutting block many arrange a vegetable sink. If it is a peninsula, a snack bar, raised above the work surface, makes for easy serving and also provides a twelve-inch area directly underneath for storage of condiments and seasoning.

Below the butcher block is a diversified storage area. Small drawers place cutlery and tools at fingertip reach, and lower larger drawers handle pots and pans, towels, heavier appliances like grinders, colanders. There is

plenty of room for sugar and flour storage bins.

At the end of the butcher block and away from the sink, some have designed a full height storage unit to come from floor to snack bar level. This provides shelf storage, concealed behind matching hemlock or fir doors, for big utensils, roasters, cookie and baking sheets and a variety of other items used often by the housewife. A smaller space beside the spice section puts the electric mixer within easy reach. It slides in and out at table level.

Not only is this a perfect workshop for the homemaker, but the husband with culinary instincts will like this wonderfully handy spot where he can work building a meal or a snack without bringing the wrath of friend wife on his head for cluttering up the whole kitchen.

Actually, one of these compact kitchen work spots gives the average housewife all the room she needs for cooking, baking, salad building and snack cooking. When built of these softwoods, which can be easily cut and fit into any space, personal design ideas of the housewife may be injected into her domain. No two women want the same kitchen any more than any two women want the same hair.

There is one other outstanding feature of these kitchens which holds particular attraction for the housewife and that is the wide variety of colors and finishes which can be used with these wood installations. If she likes color, she can paint or stain these woods to get any desired effect, or if she prefers the blond, golden colors of natural woods, she can merely have them lacquered, varnished or waxed to suit her tastes.

## Barley Use As Poultry Feed Urged

Feed barley, now plentiful in Oregon, can be used to replace part of the higher priced corn in poultry rations, reports G. H. Arscott, poultry husbandman at Oregon State College.

In a series of battery and floor tests with broilers, Arscott found that barley can be used to replace up to one-half the ground corn in all-mash broiler ration when 3 per cent stabilized animal fat is added as a supplement. Under these conditions, growth and feed efficiency are as good as that obtained with an all corn ration without added fat.

Without the added animal fat, only one-fourth of the ground corn could be replaced with barley.

Arscott is also experimenting with pelleted broiler rations. The results look encouraging, but until experiments are completed he is recommending barley be substituted for corn in pelleted rations at the same rate as in mash rations.

In tests with laying hens, only a very slight decrease in egg production was noted as larger amounts of barley were used to replace corn in both the mash and scratch rations.

One thing needs to be watched when barley is used to replace corn, Arscott says. In every case, he found that litter moisture became more of a problem as the level of barley in the ration increased. This should be kept in mind in deciding to replace corn with barley.

How can you tell when barley will save you money? Here are Arscott's recommendations based on his ingredient-cost calculations:

For broiler rations, whenever corn costs \$15 a ton more than barley, barley is a good buy. This holds true when corn is between \$45 and \$75 a ton, and stabilized animal fat is selling for 7 to 11 cents a pound. When stabilized animal fat is priced at 6 cents a pound, a \$10 difference between corn and barley would make barley a good buy. For layers, Arscott says barley can be substituted for some or all of the grain in the mash or scratch when barley costs 85 per cent as much as corn.



**OPEN-PLANNING** in many of today's homes permits a look of spaciousness and warmth even in steel kitchens of limited size such as this. With built-in surface cooking units and waist-high oven installed on one wall, an abundance of harmonizing steel cabinets surround, as well as house, the built-ins to provide ample storage space. There is sufficient counter work surface here, too. In this convenient plan, the laundry equipment fits in an adjacent area, within steps of the "open" kitchen.

## Soft Color Has Appeal

Important as color is in today's kitchens, the use of soft white as a predominant tone has lost none of its appeal. White, in fact, is being used as boldly—and effectively—as the pastels and deeper shades in some of the most eye-arresting steel kitchens being shown this year.

The secret of its decorating success lies in the introduction of bright contrasting color accents elsewhere in the kitchen. Floor and wall coverings, cabinet counter surfaces, and accessory pieces lend themselves well to creating a cheerful and colorful setting.

The currently popular country-style kitchen illustrates the striking effect that can be achieved with white steel wall and base cabinets and appliances. In this styl-

ing, red and white checked wallpaper combined with pine paneling—canisters and chair seats done in the gingham motif—even a bell formerly used to call farm hands in to dinner are reminiscent of the warm, friendly country kitchen of old.

Today's kitchen, however, is planned for permanent efficiency, regardless of the color used on cabinets. The durable steel cabinets, like the refrigerator, range, and other appliances, assure long life and a minimum of upkeep. Thus as the need or desire for a new color treatment arises, it can be provided by fresh curtains, repainting or papering walls, and using different accessories without affecting the basic serviceability of the cabinets.

### BEWARE OF RUST

It's a wise policy always to use aluminum nails in all places exposed to the weather. Galvanizing is not permanent insurance against rust. Stains bleeding through paint from oxidizing nailheads can give any house a case of rust measles.

## Painting A Ceiling Without Lap Marks

In painting a ceiling you can go to town with a roller if you paint the edge first with a two-inch brush. Experts recommend rolling forward and back, overlapping the strip you have painted with a brush. Roll a second and third strip in the same way, overlapping each strip slightly. Then to level the paint, roll across the strips. Continue over the ceiling in this manner, but be sure to do the entire ceiling at one session. This will prevent lap marks from showing.

**HARD OR SOFT WOOD**  
Hardwoods generally come from trees that have broad leaves. Most softwoods come from evergreens.

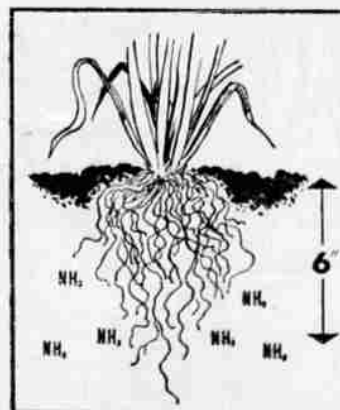
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