

Modern Kitchen Built And Planned Like Ship Galley

In this day and age when nearly every homeowner is howling for more square-footage per room, it's rare that you hear voices raised in favor of increasing the size of the kitchen. Why? Because architects have taken their cue from ship designers and created kitchens which hold absolutely everything in the most amazingly small spaces. And the housewives are all in favor of the trend. Why walk six steps from cupboard to stove when things can be arranged within the

reach of an arm, the ladies say.

In the all-important cooking center, for example, floor area can be whittled down to such a minimum that it is literally one step from the middle to either end. Yet, range, a work counter, cabinets and drawers galore, spice shelf, and snack table all fit in without crowding.

Such a design might be shaped in a modified U, with the range as the central pivot. The snack bar lies along one side, and the work counter along the other. Storage cabinets are hung above both the range and the counter. Below the counter, bins, drawers, and pot-and-pan storage is located.

Directly over the range, the lower section of one of the cabinets is outfitted for spices. This has its own special door, hinged at the bottom, which tips down flat to form a shelf on which to set those spices being used.

The snack bar is a useful thing. Doubling as work space, it can also be instrumental in keeping hungry offspring or interesting guests away from the chef's heels.

Such work centers can be tai-

lored to whatever space is available, and the shape varies according to dictates of present walls and doors. Using a softwood like Douglas fir makes the job easier, for fir, prized for its durability, is easily cut and shaped to needed dimensions.

Ranking with West Coast hemlock as a favorite for top appearance, both these softwoods have soft, creamy beige coloring. To retain their natural coloring and make the most of their finely textured grains, fir and hemlock should be finished with a coat of sealer followed with several coats of clear plastic lacquer for tough wear. The plastic topper is easily washed.

The Klondike gold rush in Alaska began in August, 1896.



SPACIOUSNESS A RESULT OF PLANNING — Corner of this petite, but handy, kitchen illustrates that spaciousness is not always a matter of size. Excellent planning is evidenced here by convenient placement of cabinets, use of built-in range, and a work counter which doubles as a breakfast bar. Cabinetry was executed in durable Douglas fir lumber, painted a cheery pastel shade.



NEW IDEAS IN WALL PANELING — Wood wall paneling comes in a variety of patterns and finishes these days. Charm of this living room depends on use of western red cedar exterior siding as wall paneling. Slightly rough surface of the cedar paneling adds much to the textural interest of the walls, contributes to informal atmosphere of the room. Built-ins by fireplace house hi-fi equipment.

New Ideas Crop Up In Wall Paneling Industry

Ever since our ancestors took the bear skins off the walls of their abodes, wood paneling has been the favorite wall adornment. There are paneling styles to suit every taste, and finishes are as numerous as the days of the year. Some homeowners like paneling which has been brushed lightly with color. Some adhere to the dark, highly polished woods which graced the homes of earlier eras. During recent decades, there has been a definite trend towards using straight-grained, creamy beige woods like west coast hemlock or Douglas fir.

Adventuresome architects are even turning houses inside out, using exterior siding as wall panel-

ing. Results have been exciting.

When siding is used inside, rough-sawn western red cedar is usually chosen to embellish the walls of today's sophisticated parlors. Its slightly shaggy surface enriches the textural contrasts of a room, especially when used as a complement to the smooth surfaces of furniture and fabrics.

And siding panels have proven a boon to homemakers who have low upkeep in mind. They find that maintenance consists of an occasional bout with the vacuum: no thoughts of waxing or of future repainting. An original stain coat will last forever.

The cedar panels are cut with a tongue-and-groove to fit snugly

without visible joints. Finishes, again, can be any number of things. For those who are fond of color, tinted stains can be sprayed on the panel boards before installation, but for those who want to capture the rich, ruddy brown hue of this wood, a clear rez does the job.

Some homeowners like to emphasize the indoor-outdoor aspect of the siding panels and finish the walls with stain matching that used on the dwelling's exterior siding.

Oftentimes, these sleek, innocent-looking wood walls are chuck full of surprises. Press fingers lightly against a section, and it is apt to open up, revealing storage shelves, a television screen, or hi-fi installation. The fact that storage can be built behind wood walls—and with nary an inkling of its presence showing—is one of the reasons for their continuing popularity.

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