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Work Center And Desk Easily Installed Now

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Modern housewives need a work center and desk where they can plan meals, project purchases of groceries and other supplies, keep their household and budget accounts, file recipes, have cook books handy and, in general, be able to run their houses to better advantage. The desk can also be used as a study center by children and as a place to write letters.

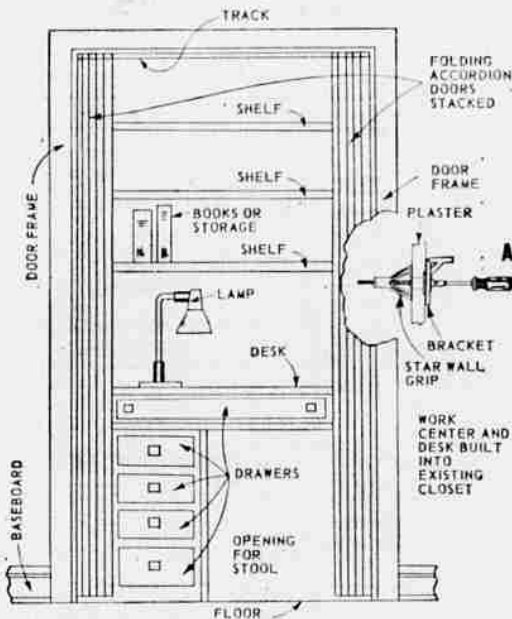
When new houses are being planned and built, or when kitchens are being completely remodeled, it is an easy matter to plan space for a work center desk and related shelves or cabinets. In existing houses or apartments, where remodeling is not being planned, an ordinary closet space can be converted into an efficient work center and desk. When this is done, another closet can be built anywhere in the house or apartment using plywood and easy-to-follow plans.

The picture shows a work center and desk in what originally was a closet which had a door three feet wide. The closet is three feet nine inches deep and of the same width. Larger or even somewhat smaller closets may be used

18 to 24 inches deep, from front to back. The length of the desk, end to end as it is faced, is determined by the width of the closet space. The end of the desk, above the stool opening, may be fastened to the wall with a bracket or cleat.

Accordion type folding doors (see picture) may be purchased at hardware stores or building material dealers. These doors are easy to install. They are attached to the door jambs and run along a track attached to the top of the door opening. Directions for installing come with the doors. When the work center is in use, the doors are folded (stacked) against the door jambs (sides). They can be pulled shut, to hide the work center, when so desired. They are available in several colors and in cloth, metal and wood. Tell the dealer the size of the door opening and he will select the proper size folding doors.

All of the work center woodwork may be painted or given a natural finish. Good enamel, in any color, makes a pleasing finish that is easy to keep clean. Or, use any of the clear finishes to preserve



equally as well.

First, remove the old door. If it is a flush door, cut it down in size and, by the addition of iron legs and some refinishing, make a desirable coffee table for your living room. Remove the old hinges from the door jamb.

Three or more shelves (see picture) spaced about 12 inches apart may be made using pine, birch or Douglas fir wood boards that are about 12 inches wide and at least three-fourths of an inch thick. The ends of the shelves may be supported by metal brackets or by one by one inch wood cleats which may be fastened to the walls using star type wall grips, all as shown in picture A. The grips expand, as shown, after being pushed through drilled holes and turned with a screwdriver. The distance between the surface of the desk and the first shelf should be at least 18 inches. All shelves should fit against the rear wall of the closet.

Wood desks, having five or six drawers (see picture), may be purchased from furniture stores where unfinished furniture is for sale. Depending on the depth of the closet, the desk can be from

the grain and pleasing appearance of the wood. The walls can be painted to contrast with or match the woodwork. The floor can be covered with colorful tile. Any kind of a kitchen stool can be used as a desk chair. When not in use, the stool may be placed in the opening under the desk.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q: Where can we obtain plans and directions for building small storage cabinets of the kind that could be used in bedrooms?

A: The Douglas Fir Plywood Association, Tacoma 2, Washington, will send free plans and directions if you will address a post card to them and ask for closet or storage plans.

Q: Some time ago you mentioned patching old linoleum on floors. Would that process, using a mixture of finely ground cork and white shellac, be economical in cases where the linoleum is badly worn in several places?

A: No, the patching process is worthwhile only in cases where small areas are involved. Large areas would not have a nice appearance. Would be best to buy new linoleum.

California Deer Situation Still All Messed Up; Group May Meet To Talk Problems

SACRAMENTO (UPI)—California's citizens committee on deer hunting, appointed early in February by Chairman Pauline L. Davis of the Assembly Fish and Game Committee, may meet during March.

If it does, the 20-member committee will begin a study of methods which could be used to control the state's deer herd and at the same time conserve it.

Ben Glading, wildlife manager for the State Fish and Game Department, who wasn't included on the committee, probably could give some suggestions.

He told UPI that right now doe hunts are held across the nation with the exception of some southern states, where there is a real shortage of deer.

From the no doe hunt states, it ranges up to states like Idaho and Maine where a hunter can use his license for either a buck or a doe.

Then, there's the permit method used in some states. The state decides on a certain area for a doe hunt—it may be the entire state—and then issues the number of permits necessary to harvest the crop.

Sometimes the permits are handled on a first come-first served basis. The distribution point is the county seat or the state capital and in some cases this system is handled by mail. When the right number of permits are sold, that's it.

Then there is the lottery system, where the permits are handed out in a drawing. This system on doe hunts is allowed in California by the Busch Bill. It also is possible in some states to pair applications for a party shoot.

A system used in California during 1956 and in the 1959 Los Angeles Archery shoot involves letting a hunter take either a doe or a buck on one of his tags.

But before all this is done, there is one necessity—a count of the deer. And that is not easy.

Glading said there are a number of systems now being used but none of them are absolutely accurate down to the last buck, doe or fawn.

For so-called "absolute" counts, there are two major methods used now — aerial counts and track counts.

The limitations of an aerial count are obvious. Airplanes can't see deer in dense undergrowth or trees—only in open meadows and the like.

The drawbacks of track counts are also obvious. Glading said that there is only one major area in California, a road along the border of Oregon and California, where this type of count is used extensively now.

Then there's the "Lincoln Index" count, primarily used for ducks but applicable to deer, too. To explain this system, Glading used the example of a bottle of beans. You know how many black beans you have and you put them in a bottle with white beans, then shake up the whole bottle. Then you take out a handful of both black and white beans and count them. From that, since you know the ratio of white beans to black, you can estimate how many beans there are in the whole bottle. In deer counts, you mark a known number of deer and they represent the black beans.

Also, there is the "Kelker Index" way of counting deer. To use this, you find out the ratio between male and female deer before the season and keep track of the male kill. Then you make a sex ratio count after the season and come up with the total.

There are two other, more positive, methods but they can be used only on a limited basis. They are the effect on forage and the pellet count.

All of this indicates that game management is far from a positive job. And it shows the major problems that will confront the 20 citizens when they begin their study of deer hunting.

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