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Wood Kitchen Cabinets Are Predominant Choice of Home Builders

Wood kitchen cabinets were installed in 95 per cent of new homes built in the United States in the first quarter of 1959. Wood cabinets pre-dominated in homes of all prices and in all regions.

This information comes from a panel of 804 builders of all sizes, coast to coast, set up by a building trade magazine.

A breakdown of the report showed that wood cabinets were used in 94 per cent of low priced homes (under \$12,000), 95 per cent of medium priced homes and 96 per cent of homes \$20,000 and higher.

Some regional preferences emerged. The lowest usage of wood cabinets was in the mountain states, where they were counted

in 87 per cent of all homes. In the neighboring Pacific states, the preference for wood cabinets was 99 per cent. In the tier of southern states from Mississippi through Texas, wood cabinets were used in better than 99.5 per cent of new homes, the panel reported.

Medium and large scale builders used a higher proportion of factory-made wood cabinets than did small builders (10 or fewer houses per year). Factory-built cabinets predominated in all price levels. Fifty-nine per cent of the low priced homes, 70 per cent of the medium group, and 71 per cent of the \$20,000 and higher homes were equipped with cabinets of that type.

New Woodgrain Paneling Time Saver

Nothing is more important to the home handyman than time, and a new paneling called Marline Random Plank simplifies installation of distinctive wood-grain wall areas for the "do-it-yourselfer."

Tongue-and-groove edges and special metal clips speed application of the plastic-surfaced hardboard planks, which can be applied directly to solid, straight surfaces such as existing plaster, plasterboard, plywood or other solid backing.

Horizontal furring strips spaced 16" apart should be used if the walls are uneven. Furring strips also should be used over open studing and masonry walls that have

been water-proofed.

Only a hammer, saw and level are needed to install Marline planks, which can be cut easily to accommodate outlet holes.

To assure a neat installation, matching moldings are available with the planks at lumber dealers.

Random width grooves give the handsome woodgrained planks a smart vertical line treatment. The decorative grooves provide eye-catching visual interest.

Plastic-surfaced hardboard planks are extremely practical because their smooth plastic surface resists hard wear. The planks can be damp-wiped clean, and they never need refinishing.

Home - Made Bell Holds Yule Cards

If you're looking for a unique way to array your Christmas cards, here's a suggestion that may arouse the artistic or handyman prowess you possess:

Cut a section of 1/2-inch perforated hardboard into the shape of a large bell, paint it gold, use a green ornament for the bell clapper, place a bright red ribbon atop the bell, and you have a distinctive background for your cards.

The bell, which should be roughly 3 feet wide and 4 feet high, can be mounted on an easily constructed tripod. When placed near your living-room doorway, the bell also becomes a handsome room divider.

The most useful tool in making this card stand is a portable electric jig saw. This versatile tool can shape the bell's curved design in a fraction of the time consumed by a hand saw, and using a portable jig saw assures a professional-looking job.

After the bell has been traced or drawn-free hand and cut, power sand all edges of the hardboard to remove sharp corners and eliminate potential danger to children. Legs of the tripod should be painted black so they will not draw attention from the bell, which should be mounted on the tripod approximately 3 feet above the floor.

Once finished, you can thread red or green ribbon through the perforations at the top of the hardboard and string them down in a manner that simulates the shape of the bell. The cards can be pinned, taped, or stapled to the ribbon.

The Christmas bell makes a beautiful design, but the card stand can be any one of numerous shapes, point out Speed-Way's home craftsmen. It could be a Christmas tree, with ornaments dangling from its sides; a snowman, even a fireplace, which can be propped against a wall.

The design is limited only by the physical capacity of the hardboard and your imagination. The versatility of a portable electric

jig saw, which can be purchased with rip guide and circle cutting provision, permits you to make nearly every kind of cut.

You may want to choose a card stand design that will increase the number of occasions when it can be used, and in that instance, the bell shape is ideal. It can remain out New Year's Eve with 1960 draped across it, then return at St. Valentine's Day and on birthday and anniversary party occasions to hold greetings from friends and family.

Factories Offer Wide Range of Wood Cabinets

To fit the endless variations of room sizes in new and old homes, wood kitchen cabinets are factory-engineered in standard three-inch modules of width.

By combining cabinets of various widths, it usually is possible to fill a wall of any length with little if any waste space, according to the National Institute of Wood Kitchen Cabinets. Should there be an open wall space of an inch or two beside a cabinet, it can, thanks to the workability of wood, be covered neatly and easily with wood filler strips.

Base cabinets are available in widths of from nine to 48 inches, in three-inch graduations. Wall cabinets range from 12 to 48 inches wide.

Most base cabinets are made so that the countertop height comes to 36 inches. This standard height also is taken into consideration in the manufacture of appliances used with base cabinets. Some lower units are made for work which usually are about 30 inches high.

Wood wall cabinets range in height from 13 to 45 inches. The most-used heights are 18 and 30 inches. The smaller units are intended for placement over refrigerators, ranges and windows.

Base units finished on all four sides are available in a variety of sizes for island installations. For peninsula arrangements there are base and wall units offering a choice of doors on one or both sides.

In addition to these standard cabinets, a number of special purpose wood cabinets are available. Some are for built-in ranges and refrigerators; others are under-sink cabinets, broom cabinets and utility cabinets.



COMBINING TWO ROOMS into one spacious undivided area reflects the trend to openness in today's glass-walled home. The absence of a wall between the living room and the informal dining area in this ranch house allows the feeling of spaciousness to be projected within the room itself, as well as outside through the Thermopane insulating glass wall. Placing the furniture at each end of the room in related groupings maintains the individual identity of the two areas involved.

Informal Living Influences Home Style Promotes Combined Glass-Wall Rooms

The easy-going informality of modern living is changing the "face" of today's home.

As a result, many features considered as "musts" by architects a few years ago are either being omitted from present-day designs or combined, in the case of rooms, into a single large area.

One example can be found in the increased number of combined living-dining rooms.

In the majority of homes, especially those over ten years old, a formal dining room was as much a part of the house as the roof. But the trend to open living with entire outside walls of Thermopane insulating glass, has brought about interior design changes aimed at gaining the most benefit from the spaciousness and light these glass walls provide.

This design idea has not come about by accident, but is a natural development in line with the desire of families to get away from a feeling of confinement in all their day-to-day activities.

The beauty of open planning lies in its ability to project a feeling of spaciousness into a room by joining it to the surroundings in an unbroken expanse, making the garden appear as part of the room. To interrupt this indoor-outdoor flow in any way is defeating the purpose.

There is little to be gained by putting a glass wall in a home only to subdivide the interior into small sections of limited usefulness, as is the case many times when the living and dining room are separated. In so doing the feeling of space can only extend from each perimeter room outside, and cannot be projected within the room itself.

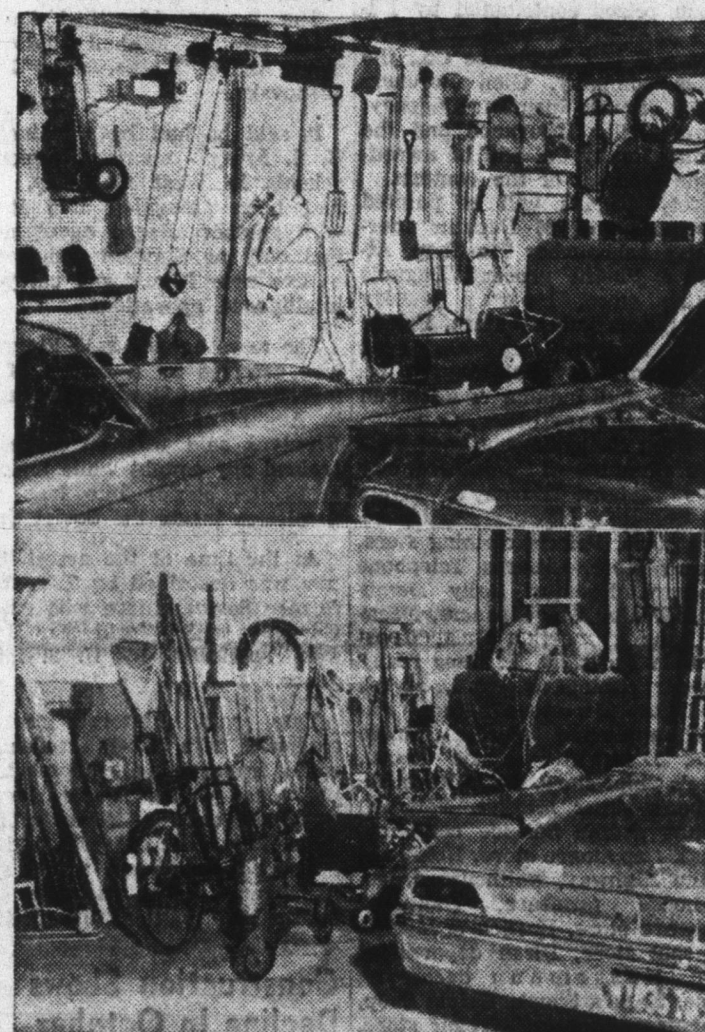
Proper decorating can help homeowners capitalize further on the feeling of spaciousness without sacrificing the identity of either of the areas involved. Furniture may still be arranged in distinctive groupings at opposite ends of the room. The popular idea of using the same "period" furniture throughout the house makes this easier as the pieces will blend well and look perfectly at home together in the room.

In many cases a low sofa or chair are used as a dividing point. They give the desired effect of separation without spoiling the overall feeling of spaciousness in the room. A large mirror with a frame compatible with the decor and furnishings, is often hung on the wall opposite the window. It tends to tie the room together and adds to the available light.

Look Tall

To make your home look taller, use vertical board-and-batten siding such as western red cedar.

Reward for Garage Cleanup— Family Safety, Room for Car



Once there was room for only one car in this double garage, simply because of the floor clutter, as shown in the lower photo. The home owner, determined to safeguard his family against accidents that might arise from the conglomeration on the floor, simply lined the walls with Masonite 1/4" Peg-Board, which he nailed to the studs and furring strips, and then suspended the floor-cluttering objects on the walls. In the process he had made room for a new sports car, seen in the upper photo. The heavy-duty board, available with matching metal fixtures at lumber dealers, will hold such heavy objects as lawn rollers, outboard motors, shelves of paint cans, lawnmowers, wheelbarrows, bicycles and extension ladders.

Hidden Values

Beauty is important in selecting a home, but most home buyers are learning that hidden values are equally as important. The frame of the house must be sturdy, built of good wood like Douglas fir to last for generations.

Adjust Weather

Adjustable louvered fences around a wood-decked patio make it possible to open up for breezes or close the fence to keep out cold winds. Western red cedar is the ideal, long-lasting lumber for these fences.

Aging Roof Invites Woe Into House

Here's a tip for owners of homes ten years old or older: a house is only as sound as its roof.

A house may have solid foundations and sturdy walls and floors, but if the roof has begun to wear out or look shabby, beware!

Rain, or melting snow and ice seeping through a leaky roof can seriously damage walls, floors and ceilings. Clothing and furniture may mildew or be badly water-damaged.

A leaky roof also may lead to a serious fire. Leaking water can seep into electrical wiring, causing dangerous short circuits.

A new roof on an old house adds beauty as well as many years of protection from weather. Asphalt shingles are an especially good choice for re-roofing for several reasons:

1. They can be applied directly over most old roofing materials, with resulting savings in time and money. The mess of removing old roofing is avoided, and the house and contents are protected in case bad weather strikes while the job's being done.

2. Asphalt shingles are available in many colors, from white to black, with many pastels, deeper tones, and blended colors in between. White and pastel asphalt shingles are popular with modern architecture. Deep-toned asphalt shingles go well with traditional architecture and help make a tall house look lower and longer.

3. Asphalt shingles provide a roof that is free of glare. Millions of rock granules embedded in the surface of the asphalt diffuse sunlight, giving the roof a rich, soft texture that resists weather like granite.

4. Asphalt shingles are low in applied cost. Any qualified roofer can apply them quickly and efficiently without waste or trouble.

5. Many years of actual use, plus laboratory research, have proved that asphalt shingles are weatherproof and durable. Scientific studies lead to continuing improvements in materials and manufacturing methods.

6. Asphalt shingles are fire resistant. Flying sparks and fire brands burn out harmlessly on the protective rock granules.

HOME OWNERS' QUESTION BOX

Q—We're thinking of buying a big, old house for our expanding family. We've found one that's a good buy and seems structurally sound, but the roof looks pretty old and worn. How can I tell if it's still sound?

A—A fairly good rule of thumb to follow is that if a roof looks in bad shape, it probably is. A practical way to find out is to wait for a rainy day and go into the attic with a flashlight. Look for tell-tale damp spots (darker areas) on rafters and on the underside of the roof deck. If you find these, or see any pinpoints of light, it's probable that the roof leaks and a new one is in order. This doesn't mean you should give up the house if it's a good buy otherwise. A new roof of asphalt shingles can be applied directly over the old roofing material, and probably will cost a lot less than you think. You'll also have the advantage of years of protection from weather, a fresh new look for the house, and greater resale value.

Pot-Pan Storage Provided in Cabinets

For timesaving efficiency in the kitchen, pots and pans should be stored so that any one can be reached without moving another. Factory-engineered wood kitchen cabinets include several standard base units that hang every pan individually.

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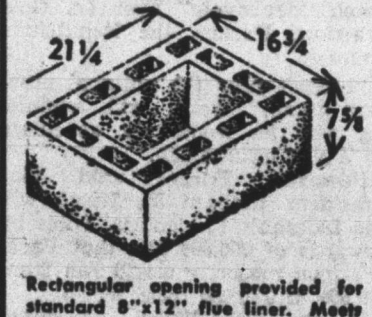
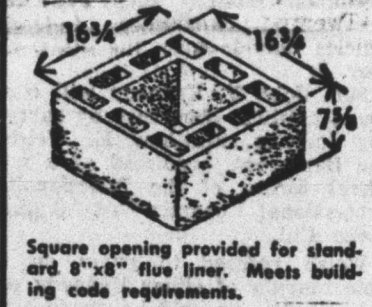
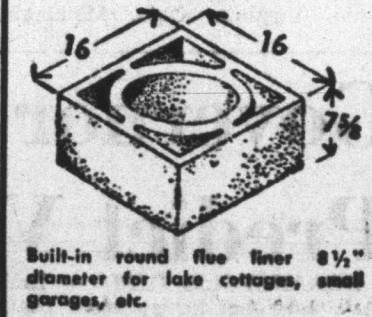
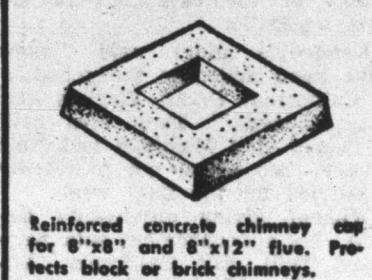
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