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## Wood Proves Its Versatility In Kitchen Improvement

Take a good look at your kitchen. Are pots and pans visible? Do you have to store table linens and dishes in other rooms because there's no place for them in the kitchen?

Are you forever looking for utensils, hunting for table or counter space, and toting things long distances while preparing meals?

If your kitchen suffers from and of these drawbacks then it probably needs to be remodeled.

Although every kitchen remodeling job varies with the need of the individual home, all remodeling is aimed at making the room more functional, spacious, or attractive. One way to increase functional efficiency in your kitchen is to carefully rearrange your appliances, counters and storage areas.

If you have limited space, design a "U" and "L" plan for your needs. The "U" layout arranges kitchen facilities along three walls; while in the "L" two adjacent walls are utilized. The "peninsula" — island" places major units against the walls while counter and storage space is unconnected to the other units — forming an "island", re-

quiring a large kitchen.

Since more storage space is usually a major objective in most kitchen remodeling jobs, it's usually obtained by adding cabinets. Those made of wood offer a tremendous variety of exterior finish, styling, interior space arrangement, and dimensions. Shelves and drawers, cabinets with sliding trays, cubbyholes, racks, rods and spinning "Lazy Susan" shelves — all are convenience features in new cabinets.

While cabinets are backed up against a wall in traditional kitchens, modern decor offers an alternative — the "peninsula" cabinet. This unit juts out from the wall, providing a space divider as well as storage. It is accessible from either front or back, so it's frequently located between kitchen and dining areas.

Wood cabinets also accommodate many makes of built-in and stack-on gas or electric ovens, while island units accommodate sink and/or range while providing counter and storage space.

Before launching a kitchen remodeling project, talk to a lumber

dealer, building materials supplier, kitchen improvement specialist, builder, or (in the case of more elaborate renovations,) architect. Experts can give you precise plans, precise cost estimates, and, most of all, practical advice regarding the most efficient, most economical methods of solving the kitchen problems — by yourself or by craft-

men.

The do-it-yourself can also learn how much of the job he is equipped to do himself. With easy-to-use wood, it is easier to accomplish more even with limited experience and tools.

More information — from experts — on how to remodel your kitchen is available in a new, color-illustrated brochure entitled, "Why Wood Is Best For Kitchen Cabinets."

For a free copy, write to the Wood Information Center, the National Lumber Manufacturers Association, 1619 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W. Washington 6, D. C.

## Sliding Doors Help Dress Up Kitchen Cabinets and Built-ins

Sliding cabinet doors — safe, space-saving and attractive — are an improvement that any home handyman or professional craftsman can install readily and inexpensively.

Using modern do-it-yourself panels in woodgrained, randomgrooved hardboards and metal hardware, the convention of oldstyle kitchen cabinet doors is a rewarding project for more convenience.

Woodgrained, factory-finished hardboards such as made by Masonite Corporation, may be used to minimize later decorating. They are available at lumber yards in quarter-inch thickness. Cabinet doors up to 30 inches high may be made of quarter-inch hardboard.

For doors not over one foot high,  $\frac{1}{4}$ " thickness may be used.

Hardboard is popular for sliding door construction because of its inherent toughness and wear-resistance. Unfinished plain and patterned hardboards gain a professional look with a primer and two finish coats of paint or enamel.

Any decorative covering such as wax stain, varnish, shellac, paint, enamel, lacquer, wallpaper or fabric, may be applied to the smooth

Masonite panels.

When using tempered hardboard doors that are smooth on both sides (Duolux), paint each side a different color. Then the doors may be lifted out and reversed when a change of decor is desired.

For doors taller than 30 inches, the quarter-inch hardboard panels should be inserted in a dadoed framework, which then is hung in a door opening on special hardware.

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