



Once dingy and disorganized, this kitchen has been turned into a showcase of efficiency. The major additions were the bay window and window seat, the island unit and the pedestal table.



This table actually has three "tops" that pivot and slide, allowing the table to assume just about any shape you can imagine.

Working couple's kitchen

If you and your spouse are among the millions of working couples in the U.S., you know how precious time is.

There are only so many hours in a day. That's why efficiency counts in the operation of your household — and nowhere does it count more than in the kitchen.

Now, the designers at Armstrong, the building products company, have come up with what they call "the kitchen that works for the couple that works." It's designed to save time.

They took an old, poorly laid out kitchen and remodeled it. In the process they turned it into an example of compact organization.

The designers didn't expand the kitchen, other than bumping out the rear wall to make room for a spacious bay window and window seat. The kitchen, which had been dingy and

cheerless, is now flooded with sunlight during the day.

For after dark, movable track lights were mounted on the ceiling. This flexible lighting system lets you direct a beam of illumination wherever you need it most.

The next step was to scrap the old cabinets, which provided insufficient storage, and replace them with floor-to-ceiling pantries with disappearing pocket doors. The pantries are sleekly contemporary in the European fashion and have white plastic-laminate surfaces with oak trim.

In fact, as newly remodeled, the entire kitchen is white: the walls, countertops, window seat cushions. Everything except the appliances which are black (onyx). Oddly enough they serve only to accentuate the whiteness of the room. The Armstrong Solarian

no-wax flooring is also white.

The problem of too-little workspace was solved by two additions, an island, located near the bay window, has lots of surface area — plus drop leaves that lift up to give you still more. Raise the leaf next to the window seat and — presto! — a dining table for two. Clear away the dishes and you have a desk for writing letters, preparing menus or doing office homework.

With several drawers and cabinets, the island also furnishes more storage. And it has two stainless steel sinks, separated by a chopping board.

The pedestal table is unique. It has not one but three tops, arranged in tiers. It may be the only table you'll ever see with a top on top, a top on the bottom and a top in between.

The three tiers pivot and slide every

which way, allowing the table to assume an infinite variety of shapes. The top tier is just the right height for someone standing, the bottom for someone sitting.

The decorating accessories and accouterments are minimal but dramatic. Zebra-striped throw pillows on the window seat, black-and-white china in a New Wave pattern and flame-red tea towels, to cite a few.

To receive a free brochure on the "Kitchen That Works," write to: Armstrong World Industries, Dept. PYF20, P.O. Box 3001, Lancaster, PA. 17604. Or call 800-233-3823 toll free and ask for department PYF20. Illustrated with color photos, the free brochure contains a detailed description of the kitchen, a complete floor plan and how-to information.