

Carpeting

One of the best things about doing custom insets, you'll discover, is that you can develop your own style. The carpet isn't hard to cut, so you can follow these instructions or invent some of your own.

Your designs can be as wild or tame, bold or subtle as you please. Match your mood, match your hobby or match your decor. (How about tracing an American eagle for your Early American family room -- or something post-artish to give your patio a party flair?)

Overcuts don't show, because the fibers have a tendency to "lock" together to hide mistakes. Nonetheless, you'll want to practice your style on remnants or scraps once or twice before you tackle the real thing.



VOILA! People will applaud your creativity. For an even easier method of insetting, transfer the design from the paper pattern to a piece of thin hardboard and cut it out. You may then use this hardboard pattern to guide your knife during the operation.

Kitchen Modernization Need Not Be Expensive

Enjoy your kitchen while you can because scientists tell us that one day - maybe sooner than you think - we'll all take our food in the form of pills. Then good-bye to those happy coffee clutches and the kitchen as a gathering place. So gather ye coffee buns while ye may!

Your kitchen should be a center of family warmth and creativity, and it can be enhanced by its looks. You can modernize a kitchen with handsome base and wall cabinets, at surprisingly low cost if you read and follow the advice in the pattern offered below. Thanks to a simplified method of construction, all the mystery usually connected with cabinet construction has been eliminated.

The pattern assumes you know nothing about wood-working and tells

what materials to buy, your objectives, when and where each is used. Directions tell how to build individual cabinets to size required to fit along one, two, three or four walls. The step-by-step directions are complete and easy to understand.

DIRECTIONS TELL how to build base and wall cabinets according to standard sizes. Base cabinets are 24" deep. Counter tops extend one inch over the edge. This permits lining up the base cabinets with the front edge of your range, sink, dishwasher, etc. Directions explain how to make and install drawers and place shelves where they provide the most convenient storage space.

When you re-do the cabinets in your kitchen, consider certain functional aspects and make a list of

pepper, tea, cocoa, and breakfast cereals that are served hot, as well as rice, spaghetti and corn meal.

Many people get real tired even before they begin to clean just dragging the vacuum cleaner out of storage. A shelf in top of a broom closet provides convenient storage for various waxes, and window cleaners. Many housewives now store spray cans that freshen air inside the broom closet.

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That's why homeowners can be surprised when little leaks show up -- a damp spot in a closet, a stain on a ceiling. Some day, if these danger signals are not heeded, there may be a deluge, with extensive damage and a dangerous fire hazard, since water that leaks through roofs often follows wiring in walls.

When a roof gets along in years, it should be thoroughly inspected, from the inside and out. Signs of wear such as curling, warping, cracks and erosion mean a new roof is in order.

Forget patching -- if there's one worn spot, in all probability there are others. Moving around on an old roof to fix one leak or worn spot will damage other weak areas. The wise homeowner with a tired old roof will completely reroof his home with top quality roofing.

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It's wise to count the birthdays of a roof and more as applied to a new one if the roof area of 100 square feet. Money invested in a new heavy-weight asphalt shingle roof will provide many years of good-looking protection.

Cleaning
Cleaning
Rags

Rags and cloths that have been used for cleaning, waxing and polishing should not be placed in an automatic washer or dryer until all traces of the flammable liquids or solids and their fumes have been removed. Examples of highly flammable items used in the home include acetone, denatured alcohol, gasoline, kerosene, some liquid household cleaners, some spot removers, turpentine, waxes and wax removers.

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