Kitchen clutter easy to remedy

(AP) — Most recipes for re-vamping a kitchen call for lots of hard cash. But you can pare the cost if you can settle for some-thing far short of a total re-do. That means isolating the worst problems and solving them inex-reception.

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If storage space is lacking — as it is in most kitchens, kitchen designer Florence Perchuk says — use ready-made goods to expand usable space.

Perchuk, co-author of the "Complete Book of Kitchen Design," (Consumer Reports Books, \$1595), says one place to look for inore space is the ceiling, it can be used to mount a pet rack or a be used to mount a pet rack or a be used to mount a pot rack or a series of blcycle hooks for hanging

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Another soldom used space, even in the most cramped kitchen, is the window. Install narrow glass shelves across the bottom sush for drinking glasses, preserves and condiments, spices or Mason jars filled with dried beans, lentils and pasta.

"Justed wallspace can be covered with grids or pechoard for hanging frequently used gadgets such as strainers, whicks, greters and ladles.

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• Perchuk has taken her own advice. She claims there isn't an inch of bare wall in her New York

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"I bought stainless steel grids for gadgets, "he says." I made lid incks out of six ordinary towel bars which I bought at Ike. The lid knobs rest on the bars."

If you have no storage space above the refrigerator, as in many older homes, install brackets and deep shelves for outsize items such as woks and large casseroles. "Before investing in cabinety, shop at a hardware or housewares store for Band-Aid solutions such as sliding cup racks that mount

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Wire shelving can nearly double the storage apace in old-fashioned cupboards with high stationary shelves. If you can't find ready-made lengths, a lumber yard can cut them to size. If cabinets are deep, a shallow shelf at the back can make extra room for short cans and jars while leaving the front free for tall items.

If you ice cube trays are so old they balk at being emptied, two new trays for under \$10 will save time, energy — and tempers. Likewise, repair sticking drawers and have knives professionally sharpened, then keep them that way with a home sharpener. To improve efficiency without spendings dime, store utensils close to where they are used.

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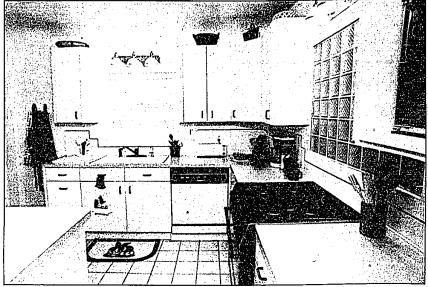
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Even if the light approach is not adequate to solve your problems, doing more doesn't have to break the bank.
"A kitchen begins to look shabby after 15 years or so." Perchuk ays. But it can get a new leaso on life for far less than a total renovation.

vation.

Opt for a new look at moderate cost with fresh paint or wallpaper and repainted or refinished cabinet doors. A dingy refrigerator can be professionally spray painted.

Another simple way to refresh the kitchen is to make a back-splash of plain and decorative tiles. For more money — and im-pact — replace countertops with plastic laminate or butcher block.



Convenience, not clutter: Nine out of 10 kitchens are more cluttered than organized. Most people think they need more space, but they only need to rearrange and eliminate extras, say kitchen designers. This kitchen takes advantage of its size by offering compact convenince.

Quick fixes lend new look to kitchen

Sprucing up a tired-looking kitchen doesn't have to be a com-plicated remodeling project. The cabinets, walls, ceilings, and countertops all lend themselves to creative improvements on a hudget.

Here are some ways of doing it:

The simplest change for wood wall cabinets is to remove the

doors and hinges, conceal screw holes with wood filler, and paint the interiors a lively color to show work white or a color to contrast off kitchen gear on open shelving.

To make the cabinets seem deeport han they are, line the cabinet backs with mirrors (be sure the back of the face frame is painted).

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are beyond repair with new stock doors available from cabinet dealers.

For the appearance of ceramic tile at a fraction of the cost, look for vinyl-coated wellpaper designed to look like tile. Some tile papers look so authentic that a person has to touch the paper force realizing it's not real.

Cover damaged or badly worn walls with wool laths placed on the diagonal. Apply a protective coat of polyurchane, then hang utensils, pots, and pans from hooks or nails attached to strips.

If the walls aren't right for windows, install a skylight to bring sunlight into the kitchen. Skylights provide five times as much light as a wall window of the same size— and won't sacrifice privacy. For improved ventificion, consider an operable skylight that opens by remote control on a hinged frame.

Consider painting everything white—the ceiling, walls, woodwork, cabinets, even the floor. A light palette will enhance a feeling of spaciousness.

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Make a wooden countertop with oak or maple tongue-and-groove flooring glued and nailed to a plywood base. Seal with four

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Coats of polyurethane.

Wood or plastic moldings can create almost any design — from flat strips to ornate scrimshaw — on the walls and doors. They also offer a good way to frame a wall-covering insert, separate two-paint colors, or trim the edges of laminate.

Add mirrors along one back-splash to give the room more depth.

If you've wondered how you could squeeze a dishwasher into your kitchen, however, you might consider sacrificing a base cabinet to get the space.

Cabinet for dishwasher swaps

Cabinet-for-dishwasher swaps won't work in every home, however. Cabinets that were built in place or not built to standard dimensions pose too many prob-

tems.

Another roadblock can be a cabinet that was nailed down or screwel down from the top before the plastic laminate was installed. In this case, removing a base cabinet for a dishwasher means you'll have to look at a new countertop, as well.

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Luckily, the best cabinets for this switch are also the most commonly installed. These are factory-built, modular units that are screwed together through their stiles, which makes them easy to remove.

They also come with corner brackets mounted on the inside walls of each unit near the top. The countertop is screwed to the brackets from underneadth so it can be easily removed. If your kitchen has these mix-and-match, cabinets, and you find a 24-inch base unit near the sink, you can install a standard dishwasher.

Georgian from page 1E

Carnovale said the economy inay contribute to more traditional styles. "The instability of the economy is driving people to a more stable feeling architecture. Georgian-influenced architecture represents a durable, timeless style, he said. People buying a home want to feel they've bught something that will last. "Georgian influenced architecture represents of the said."

ture) evokes a stately, stable community feeling with some of the continuity of older neighborhoods," he said.

James Bonadeo, president of Bonadeo builders in Plymouth, said Georgian influenced architecture gives people a feeling of security.

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In this day and age, when there seems little to feel secure about,

Georgian-influenced architecture provides an anchor for people in a fast-moving world.
"It's the type of house where Grandma used to live," he said. When you were there, you felt like Grandma owned the world." Bonatice predicted that as the 1990s continue, more homes will be luilt in Georgian-influenced architecture.

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Keith Logsdon, an architect
with CBI Design Professionals,
said he thinks the renewed interest in traditional architecture like
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"It's a stately style," he said.

"It's clean and conservative people want that in a home today."

Logsdon recently won a Grand Award from Professional Builder and Remodeler Magazine for a removation of Georgian-influenced style home in Huntington Woods.

"The intent of that project was to add onto it without anyone being aware we added onto it."

Styles of houses vary from com-munity to community. Following igg guide to help you recognize the most common building styles put together by Doug Stranahan, regional director of Century 21 of the Great Loss

Ranch: These long, low houses rank among the most popular types in the country. The ranch, which developed from early homes in the West and Southwest, is a one-story with a low pitched roof. The raised ranch, which is also common in the U.S., has two levels, each accessible from the home's entry foyer, which features staircesses to both upper and lower levels.

B Cape cod: This compact 14-story house is small and symmetrical with a central entrance and a steep, gable roof. Brick, wood or aluminum siding are the

materials most commonly seen.

2 Tudor: Modeled after an English country cottage, Tudor styling festures trademark dark-wood timbering set against light-colored stucco*that highlights the phalf of the house and frames the numerous windows. The bottom half of the house is often made of brick.

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© Queen Anne/Victorian: Developed from styles originated in Great Britain, these homes are usually two-story frame with large rooms, high ceilings and porches along the front and sometimes sides of the house. Peaked roofs and ornamental wood trim, many times referred to as "gingebread" decorate these elaborate homes.

Dutch colonial: The Dutch colonial has two or 21/2 stories covered by a gambrel roof (having

two slopes on each side, with the lower slope steeper than the upper, flatter slope) and caves that fare outward. This sytle is traditionally made of brick or shingles.

New England colonial: This 2½-story early American style is boxilise with a gable roof. The traditional material is narrow clapboard siding and a shingled roof. The small-pane, double-hung windows usually have working wood shutters.

Sauthern colonial: This large, two-to three-story frame house is world famous for its large front columns and wide porchess.

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Birmingham architect Christopher Longe said while it's true Georgian-influenced says "home" to people, one of the key reasons it is finding new popularity is because it's different.

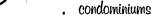
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