

Home Improvement Guide for '65

Aim to Save Steps, Increase Efficiency

Today's homemaker wants to consider in your basic plan: kitchen that's both practical and pretty. When remodeling, think in terms of saving steps and aim for adequate equipment, counter, storage and activity space arranged for maximum attractiveness and efficiency.

Begin by measuring and making a scale drawing of the kitchen and adjoining rooms. Allow a quarter inch to one foot.

Keeping in mind sizes of cabinets, appliances and other equipment, as well as plumbing and electrical codes, block out the countertop plan, allowing a 25-inch depth for counters, which should be placed to make a continuous line from sink, range, refrigerator. The

Even a small kitchen is easy to work in when a triangular work pattern puts everything within reach. Locate your work triangle between range, sink and refrigerator. There should be at least four, but no more than six feet between sink and cooktop; four to seven feet from sink to refrigerator; and four to five feet between cooking and refrigerator.

Fixing and food preparation be at least 24 inches over sink and range. Over countertops, counter space somewhere in the distance may be as low as 15 inches.

Consider a work island in addition to the usual along-the-wall counter area. This could include a convenient second sink and chopping block, as well as additional storage space.

There are three work areas window.



Concrete Driveways Provide "Welcome Mat"

Now is the time of year homeowners begin to plan spring-time home improvements. Many are thinking of a new concrete driveway after a winter of fighting mud or a chuck-hole ridden surface.

Concrete driveways make a clean, attractive "welcome mat" for modern homes. They are

Michigan Bell Pays \$168 Million

Michigan Bell Telephone Company this week reported that it paid wages of \$208,028 to 36 employees who worked in Farmington during 1964, according to Hughes C. Bronaugh, manager here for the firm.

He said the company's entire wage bill of \$153,486,418, which went to 22,000 employees throughout the state, set an all-time record.

In addition to Michigan Bell's payroll, the Western Electric Company, manufacturing and supply arm of the Bell System, paid \$1 million to its 1,475 employees who worked in Michigan, and AT&T's Long Lines department paid \$3.4 million to its 540 employees in the state.

The men and women of Michigan Bell, the state's fourth largest non-governmental employer, and of the other two Bell System units, who live in more than 400 Michigan communities received total wages of nearly \$168 million.

ATTIC DRAMATIC — New room built in attic can get ceiling effect with a paneled ceiling. Panel boards should be installed in direction of slope to dramatic ceiling's shape. Use narrow boards of clear pine or fir lumber for most interesting effect.

Storage Units Solve 'Inner Space' Needs

Lack of proper storage facilities is a common problem in this era of expanding families and growing leisure time. Happily, it's easily possible to correct this situation and gain increased storage space within the walls of your present home. Buildings can be designed to yield greater and more flexible facilities for storage than most furniture occupying the same area. The next family round table might be a good time to discuss and assess individual and collective storage needs, and then plan to meet these requirements.

A well-planned built-in storage is shelving. You may only solves storage and space problems, but can be a source of visual enjoyment. There are many types, shapes, and sizes of storage facilities, but all will include some of these basic components: shelves, cabinets, drawers and doors. Because everyone's storage needs are different, it is necessary first to plan the amount of space that is available for built-ins, then adapt the dimensions of these components to your own storage units. Any one of the Western Pine region woods would make an excellent choice as the construction materials. Solid lumber, if it is simply stained and waxed, will not show signs of wear — chipped paint or finger marks — and requires only dusting and occasional wiping.

Shelving is Easy. One of the simplest forms of storage is shelving. You may want to add shelves in an existing closet to give you additional storage, build them to many types, shapes, and sizes in a living room or den, or build them in a cabinet you are about to construct. All cabinets have two things

in common: a frame and some sort of enclosing material or siding. To this you may add drawers, doors, racks and shelves to suit needs. For a more elaborate unit, you can build a complete storage wall either attached to the wall or left free-standing.

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