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Wood Insures Snug Fitting Kitchen Units

If you are intrigued by the glamorous new built-in kitchen appliances but fear complicated installation, there is good news for you in a recent issue of a large home builders' magazine.

The magazine points out that installation "does not offer any particular problem." Builders are advised that it is "mostly a matter of providing the proper size opening, setting equipment in place and making proper connections."

The workability of popular hardwood plywood kitchen cabinets plays a major role in simplifying installation of built-ins. Because there are variations in size of the built-in ovens and ranges made by major manufacturers, it is helpful to have cabinets and wall areas which can be tailor-fitted to the appliances.

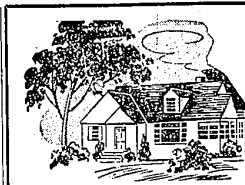
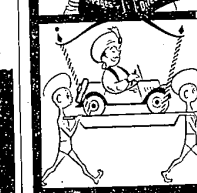
Thus, should the wall oven prove to be slightly larger than the opening, it is a simple matter to enlarge the opening when cabinets and wall paneling are of hardwood plywood.

Wood cabinets can be built on-the-job by carpenters, obtained custom built by national manufacturers, or assembled from stock cabinets available through retail outlets. Cabinet manufacturers have been given dimensions by appliance manufacturers so that they can furnish cabinets with the openings already prepared.

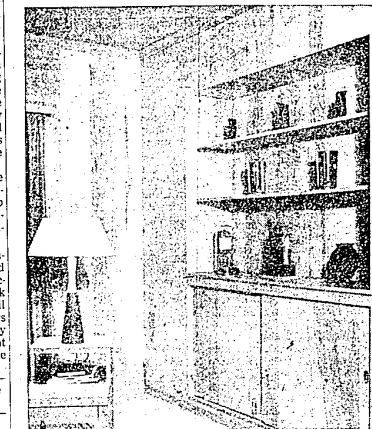
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BUILT-IN UNITS are fast becoming standard items in new homes, builders report, because of their attractiveness and utility. The charming corner setting above has a custom look because the recessed shelves and cabinet are "built-in" with hardwood plywood. Shelves, cabinet and wall paneling are all of birch plywood. Various plywood species are also favored for built-in room dividers, storage walls and kitchen and bathroom cabinets.

Home Demonstration Agent Offers Tips On Defrosting Home Freezer

If summer heat and humidity have left the food freezer loaded with ice and frost, it is probably time for defrosting.

Don't defrost with hot water, warns Frieda Bennett, home demonstration agent. Though hot water would do the job quicker, it is taboo, because refrigerator pressure will build up and cause difficulty in starting the motor.

Here are some defrosting directions from the U. S. Department of Agriculture. One-half inch of frost accumulation on the walls of the freezer indicates it is time to take action. About 12 hours before beginning, turn the temperature control to its coldest position. This will keep the food from thawing as quickly when it is out of the freezer during the defrost period.

If no ice has formed, scraping the surfaces with a spatula, putty knife or other dull tool while the freezer is running will do the trick. But ice calls for more work. Remove all the food and disconnect the freezer. Arrange the packages of food compactly on trays or in baskets and wrap them with blankets or insulating material. Work fast so the food will be out of the freezer as short a

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time as possible. Ordinarily the job will require less than an hour.

Running cold water over the refrigerated surfaces or blowing an electric fan into the freezer will help speed the process. Mrs. Bennett instructs that the inner liner of the freezer should be cleaned with a solution of one tablespoon of baking soda to a quart of lukewarm water. Soap and water will clean the gasket, and soda and water or polish will take care of the outside. When defrosting is done, dry the freezer thoroughly inside and out and connect it. After about a half hour, food can be replaced.

Vertically Grained Wall Receives Antique Look

Here is a simple way to finish a wall of vertically grained paneling to get an antique effect.

Rough sand boards first, then fine sand the boards with a 2/0 paper. Brush on thinned white primer and wipe off immediately. Dry 12 hours. Then sand with 6/0 paper.

Brush or spray with clear varnish, red or lacquer or one of the plastic coatings. Add extra coats, if desired. Rub last coat with steel wool.

Green, blue, reds or yellows may be used instead of the white primer to obtain varied color effects.

Flush Doors Useful In Many Home Projects

Many home craftsmen have discovered that one of the most economical and convenient ways to obtain a large rectangle of choice hardwood is to buy a flush door made of hardwood plywood.

The door size is useful in many projects such as making cocktail tables, vanities, hinged tables and desks. Flush doors are available at lumber yards and millwork centers faced in the most popular hardwood plywood species — birch, gum, maple, mahogany, oak and walnut.

Purchased without final finish and before holes are drilled for door fittings, the flush doors are surprisingly low in cost.

CROP SHIPMENTS FROM MICHIGAN HEADED OVERSEAS

On October 20 the first 1955 Michigan CROP shipment of commodities left Ionia. It consisted of 600 bags of flour, milled by Runelman Company, destined for Greece. This will be followed by more cars of wheat and beans during the next few weeks. These shipments are made possible by early contributions of Michigan people to CROP.

According to Russell Hartzler, State CROP Director, this is the first year in Michigan CROP history that such large amounts of food could be shipped before the organized fall campaign got under way. These foods are urgently requested by Church World Service, parent agency of CROP, for overseas feeding programs.

In 1954 practically all CROP contributions from Michigan, as from many other states, were used for distributing Government surplus food overseas. However, wheat, a very important food in most countries, was not made available to voluntary agencies as had been expected. Hence, flour is one of the commodities greatly needed to help balance diets in countries to which CROP sends food.

An additional \$30,000 or more worth of food has been made available by contributions from children in Vacation Church Schools during the past summer. Their funds are used for distribution of Government surplus foods, distributing at least \$20 worth of food for each \$100 contributed.

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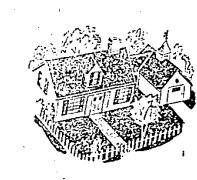


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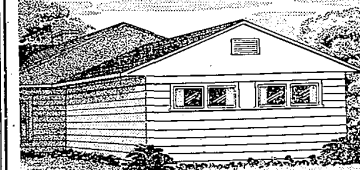
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