

YOUR KITCHEN - MAKE IT HANDY

Part II - Shelf Racks and Hangers

What to Teach:

1. Space-saving racks and hangers can improve your kitchen cabinets.
2. You can buy good storage racks or make them at low cost.
3. Pictures show many kinds to make.
4. Each person must plan what "space-savers" she needs.

Teaching Ideas and Supplies:

1. Teach Part I Work Centers first to show the need for better storage.
2. Try to have finished storage racks to show.
3. You can discuss the use of "space savers" and also make them. Decide which part you want to do first.
4. Easy things to make at a meeting are bench shelves and knife racks. You might want to have the wood sawed before the meeting. To finish the racks, have nails, hammers, sandpaper, paint, brushes, brush cleaners, rags, and old cans for mixing paint and cleaning.
5. Some women may want to cut paper patterns for racks they will make at home. For this you will need paper, pencil, ruler and scissors.

A. Planning Use of "Space Savers"

To Do	To Say
1. Show why racks are needed.	Ask questions at the first of the lesson sheet. Look at "before" and "after" cabinet pictures on lesson sheet and ask women to tell why storage is better in the second picture.
2. Write on a blackboard or large piece of paper the three reasons for using shelf racks and hangers.	This is why we need cabinet "Space-Savers."
3. Look at pictures of racks on pages 2 to 8 in lesson sheet.	Talk about where you would use each kind and how you would use it. Ask which they would like to have.

A. Planning Use of "Space Savers" (con't)

To Do	To Say
4. Plan for supplies to make racks. Also you can have group cut patterns for racks to be made at home.	Talk about how to get low-cost lumber and other things you need to make space savers.
5. Summary	If you can, use racks to rearrange a cupboard. Ask group to tell again the three reasons for using shelf racks.
6. Plan a workday if this has not already been done.	Decide place and time. Be sure they know what will be made and what they should bring to work with.

B. Making Space Savers

1. Get a meeting place with tables, where group can work with tools.
2. Have all tools and supplies ready. Have old papers on which to work.
3. Show and explain finished items which the group will make.
4. Explain each step then have group do it.
5. When finished, they may want to show and talk about what they have made.
6. Plan for session on "Use of Space Savers" if this was not done before.