

Rely on expert advice when doing over kitchen

Maybe, if you're an expert do-it-yourselfer. But it could cost far less because knowledge eliminates the error of the trial-and-error technique. And turning the job over to a specialist can also eliminate a lot of along-the-way arguments among amateurs!

Remodeling a kitchen as a do-it-yourselfer is a lot more than to work with a professional than to remodel a kitchen yourself. Does it cost more to work with a professional than to remodel a kitchen yourself? Plans specified. He specifies the location of plumbing, gas and electric meters, helps you select lighting, fabrics and other decorative elements, orders all materials, including

Equally important is that he becomes the single source of responsibility for your remodeling from beginning to end. Essentially, he provides one-stop shopping. This starts with planning the layout of the kitchen, subject to your approval. Figuring out what should go where to provide the greatest convenience for the

Remodeling a kitchen as a do-it-yourself project can be enjoyable as well as rewarding if you're equipped to cope with the numerous steps it involves — from planning to shopping for cabinets and appliances to installing a bay or built-in, by ad-Lots of people, mission, simply are not equipped, either by nature or through lack of knowl-edge, to plumb, construct, wire, install cabinets, lay carpet or tile and paint or hang vinyl on walls. Others lack the urge. See professional. It's for the don't-do-it-yourselfer that professional kitchen designers exist — specialists whose business it is to guide you in making decisions on the basis of your wants, needs and budget; who ask questions about your life-style and custom-design your kitchen to suit it.

To find such an individual, you ask friends and neighbors. Read newspaper ads. Look in the Yellow Pages under Kitchen Cabinets & Equipment. Result: you may have a half-dozen names. To eliminate them, one by one, until you've decided whom to employ, check your bank or savings and loan company. Your Better Business Bureau. Visit the show-rooms of the various firms listed. This is a good guide, doesn't have one, beware. He may be a fly-by-night operator. The reputable and dependable kitchen specialists is likely to be a member of the American Institute of Kitchen Dealers. This means he has a showroom with at least two complete kitchens, has been head of his retail kitchen business for a minimum of two years, and is financially stable — otherwise his membership would be cancelled. If the AKD member firm is headed by a Certified Kitchen Designer, or has a CKD on its staff, so much the better. The initials CKD after a name indicate that individual has passed a strict examination for ability, and that affidavits of competence and integrity from client and professional sources have been judged satisfactory by the Council of Certified Kitchen Designers, the industry's accrediting body.

Helping you choose from the multiple options of kitchen design—style, color, materials, products and price — is only one of the valuable services a planner performs.

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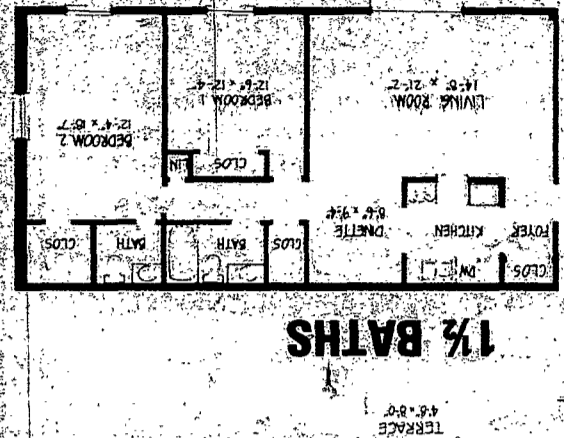
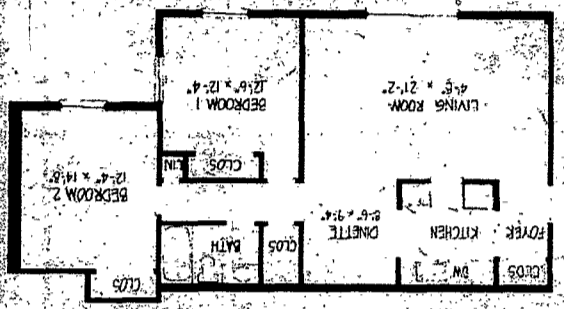
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