Doors Dress Up Shelves

Looking for a simple way to spruce up those ordinary storage shelves in the kitchen or dining room, and at the same time protect their contents from dust? Then try enclosing them with sliding doors of plate glass, mirrors or pattern glass.

That’s the advice of Ralph Sherwin, staff designer of Libbey-Owens-Ford Glass Company, who points out that a protective glass front can mean dust and dirt-free storage for dishes, small appliances and even foods, while adding a “built-in” appearance to otherwise ordinary shelves.

“Converting open shelves to cabinets with sliding glass doors can be done by a do-it-yourself enthusiast with simple hand tools,” Sherwin points out.

TO BEGIN WITH, cut 3/4-inch off the middles or “in-between” shelves to allow clearance for the glass panels to slide.

Then mount insulating metal tracks on the protruding top and bottom shelves in which the glass panels can be mounted. If you prefer, grooves can be cut in the sideboards shelves and used to hold the glass in place on the tracks.

Pre-cut panels of either Parallel-0 Plate glass or pattern glass are slid on to one end beyond the other in end. Wood pieces, finished like the shelves, are then attached to make the cabinet a light, rigid unit.

The need for handles can be eliminated by having the glass dealer grind finger grooves in the panels when you buy them. Or if you prefer, he can drill holes in the glass to fasten conventional grips.

The WORST clear and translucent glass available, Sherwin explained, is a matter of personal preference which is used. As a rule, however, where cabinets are used mainly for display of silver, vases and fine china, clear glass is used for the doors to show off the contents to full advantage. When the cupboards is built into a wall as opposite to one which extends beyond the room to serve as a divider and provide access from both sides, backing each shelf with a piece of plate-glass mirror will double the appeal and beauty of every article in the cabinet.

In the kitchen, where storage cabinets can become a catchall for all sorts of small appliances, advertise dishes, books and bags, Sherwin suggests using pattern glass or mirror.

Mirror Magic

If the bathroom in your home seems a little cramped, you can add a new feeling of depth and beauty just by installing a new medicine cabinet with large mirrors. The mirrors in the bathroom should be as large as possible to give the feeling of spaciousness. It works like magic in even the smallest bath.

Still Time to Stop Crabgrass Growth

It’s not too late to stop crabgrass from springing up. Due to the cool weather, germination of the first crabgrass seeds has been delayed. Chemicals that prevent crabgrass growth as a barrier on the soil around the crabgrass seed will prevent it from germinating.

Although such chemicals may be applied after the first seed germinates, they are more effective if used early according to most lawn experts.

The more seeds killed the less crabgrass in the lawn.

En Garde!

Like some attention-getting new broods? You can arrange for George Washington to stand guard at one end, Abraham Lincoln at the other, simply by getting their replicas cast in gray iron.