

Vintage Home renovation tips column *by Marjorie Lewis*



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Period Kitchens

The photo below is of a kitchen within a Craftsman home on 126 E. Fern Ave., Redlands. The owners with careful thought

(one popular shape for kitchen and baths in the early twentieth century). A black, thin, running tile band in the backsplash coordinates with the black box cap

very expensive and prohibitive. However if your kitchen already has some elements left of it's heritage, such the existing cabinets, you can save money by keeping them. Put the drawer on rollers for ease and If the hardware is original and painted, stripping the paint off the hardware shows it off beautifully. If not, reproduction hardware is very prevalent. A soft pale yellow, almost maize color linoleum floor would add another inexpensive period touch to a kitchen, compared to installing expensive travertine flooring. In many cases, you might have existing hardwood or softwood (Douglas Fir) floors under your kitchen flooring and not realize it. In my first newsletter I had included an article on removing linoleum floors. One of my customers who purchased a Spanish home just "peeked" under their kitchen linoleum and found hardwood floors. They are now refinished and look absolutely beautiful in their kitchen.

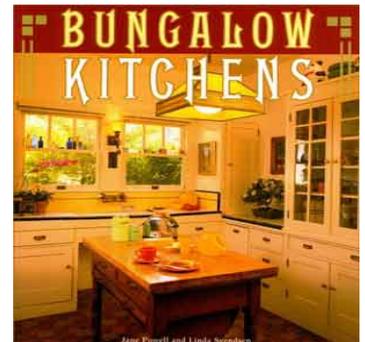
It is easy to think that the kitchens in our vintage homes must match the kitchen trends of today. That's what occurred in the 60's and 70's with the plywood cabinets and avocado/gold trends. The 80's and 90's had their style too. However, if the kitchen in a vintage home is kept more "period", then that kitchen becomes timeless.

COMMENTS MADE BY PEOPLE WHO TOURED THIS KITCHEN ON FERN AVE.

- * How sweet, I love the space!
- * It's so friendly and warm!

- * I love the sink skirt
- * Nice to see a kitchen that feels Just right!
- * Oh my gosh, it still has the California Cooler

EXCELLENT BOOK TO BUY ON PERIOD KITCHENS



This book is for ALL TYPES OF VINTAGE HOMES, not just bungalow. Many of the Spanish homes built in the 20's and 30's have close resemblances to the photos in this book. I HIGHLY RECOMMEND THIS BOOK! Fabulous photos and text .

Title: **Bungalow Kitchens**

Author: **Jane Powell**

ITEM OF VALUE FOR YOU

If you would like my professional opinion on cosmetic tips to improve any room in your house, I would be most happy to do so. There is no charge.



remodeled their kitchen to match a few of the remaining elements from it's original build in 1912. The counters have white hexagon tiles and a backsplash of oblong white tiles

tiles on the counter edge. Regarding the hardware, in the Period Kitchen, "Hardware is like jewelry for the kitchen."¹ On these cabinets are the stainless steel butterfly hinges and bin pulls, completing the look of the period kitchen. The sink is a single sink style by Kohler. (Reproduction made)

¹ Bungalow Kitchens by Jane Powell, 2000

WHAT IS MY REASON FOR WRITING THIS PARTICULAR ARTICLE ?

To help save you \$\$\$\$

When I show vintage homes to customers, the one number issue can be the kitchen. Especially with today's kitchen designs. Many times the main focus seems to be on tearing everything out and starting over, which can be

MORE VINTAGE HOMES



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Congratulations to Brenda Jones of 220 West Cypress Ave. She is the winner of the last contest. The correct address was 210 W. Cypress Ave. She and her husband chose a \$25.00 gift Certificate to Las Fuentes Mexican Grill and Bar in Redlands as their prize (next to the Krikorian Theatre). Be the first to call with this month's correct home address and win a \$25.00 gift certificate to a Redlands restaurant or store of your choice.

"Good Night and Good Luck" as Edward R. Murrow would say!

RESOURCES

Apologies toward anyone who tried to contact my last newsletter carpenter referral (Richard Rossasin) The phone number listed was correct and working when I wrote the newsletter. However between the time of printing and delivery, he apparently had decided to temporarily lapse his phone number, which is unfortunate since his work is excellent. Hence, if you would like the contact info a tradesperson that I have used or have seen their work, please call me and I will be glad to give it to you. *I'll just recheck their number to make sure it's in operation!!!*

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