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# The 1950s Kitchen (Shire Library)



## THE 1950s KITCHEN

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## **Synopsis**

The 1950s was the first great age of the modern kitchen. Labour-saving appliances, bright colours and the novelty of fitted units moved the kitchen from darkness into light, where it became the domain of the happy housewife and the heart of the home. New space-age material Formica, decorated with fashionable patterns, topped sleek cupboards that contained new classic wares such as Pyrex and 'Homemaker' crockery, and the ingredients for 1950s staples: semolina, coronation chicken and spotted dick. Electricity entered the kitchens of millions, and nowhere in the home was modern technology and modern design more evident. Bold colour, clean lines and stainless steel were keynotes of the decade. This book is a celebration of cooking, eating and living in the 1950s kitchen is a feast of nostalgia, and a mine of inspiration for anyone wanting to recreate that '50s look in their own home.

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## **Customer Reviews**

This small book is full of pictures and information about British kitchens of the 1950's. Occasionally

there are comparisons to American kitchens of that time, but the best part is the historical progression shown from the kitchens of the pre-WWII era to the "modern" kitchens of the mid-twentieth century.

A very informative book about the great new styles of the 1950s and the versatility of colored linoleum! I loved the advertisements and the history of these kitchen products.

Crazy book but interesting.

This is a quick read but has lots in it that I didn't know about the subject. For example, kitchen counters have a toe space at the bottom to prevent back aches. When rations of sugar and butter ended mid-50s there was a boon to baking, especially cakes. Lots of neat tidbits. The book is British so many references are about England. There are comparisons to America at the time too.

Interesting reading for Baby Boomers who have childhood memories of the changes in home kitchens and the way we buy, cook, and eat food.

Remembering kitchen items from my childhood, even though I was more a child of the sixties than fifties. Informative and nostalgic.

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