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# Solutions That Work!

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## Problem-Solving Products

Don't you just love products that make your life easier, safer, and cleaner—all while adding beauty to your home?



Blum Servo-Drive bump-to-open drawers open and close hands free. Watch the video for a demonstration [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=03S76NW815s&feature=player\\_detailpage](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=03S76NW815s&feature=player_detailpage) (or visit our website to click the link).



The Cirrus flat-to-the-ceiling hood by Broan offers great ventilation and lighting without blocking your view. Click here to see it in action (or go to our website for the link) [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dStlxG11U&feature=player\\_embedded](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dStlxG11U&feature=player_embedded)

Stylish and functional, this Invisia Collection towel bar doubles as a grab bar. It's available in both polished chrome and brushed stainless finishes.



## Preparing for Your Remodel

Your remodel can be an exciting and wonderful adventure, especially if you are prepared for the realities of remodeling. Here are a few tips for making your project more enjoyable if you plan to live in your house during construction.

1. If you are remodeling your kitchen, arrange in advance for your contractor to set up a temporary kitchen somewhere near a water source. That may be outside, in the garage, or near a bath or laundry room.
2. Plan ahead as to where incoming materials for the project will be stored, as well as where you plan to put all of your personal items being removed from the space being worked on and how to access them.
3. Understand that the work is going to extend into areas of your home that you thought would be unaffected. Workers need to protect their path to

and from the work area and in doing this, may need to hang protective sheeting or lay floor protectant in unexpected areas.

4. Even with the best dust control, some dust may escape and settle in other areas of your home.
5. Make sure that there is access to the house, garage, electrical fuse box, and crawl space or attic.
6. Unexpected situations will arise. Your contractor and designer do their best to plan and anticipate possible problems, but materials do arrive late or damaged, surprises are hidden in walls, and subcontractors do fall ill. Having a good team working for you should help the project go smoothly and you can relax more easily if you expect that there will be some unanticipated issues.

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## What's Wrong With This Plan?

Here are a few of our design “no-no’s” and suggestions for safe, functional, attractive alternatives:

1. Putting a pot-filler faucet directly behind the center of any range or cook-top. This forces you to reach over the cooking surface to use the faucet. Awkward and dangerous! Place the faucet on the wall or counter just to the side of the cooking surface. This way you can fill pots on the stove or on the counter and don't risk getting burned in the process. Make sure to use a faucet with an extension arm or pullout spray arm to reach the most burners.



*Our placement of a pot-filler faucet that lets the homeowners turn on the water without fear of igniting themselves.*

2. Installing lift-up wall cabinet doors that dead-end into a corner when the lower cabinets turn the corner. This forces the homeowner to reach at an awkward angle to try to lift the cabinet

door up and is even more difficult to try to pull down. Try an angled face wall corner cabinet, a pie-cut shaped corner cabinet, or open shelves for easily accessible wall cabinet corner storage.



*This pie-cut corner wall cabinet opens for full access without any awkward stretching.*

3. Placing a refrigerator directly next to a wall that is deeper than the refrigerator. This could prevent the refrigerator doors from opening properly and in some instances prevent crispers from fully extending or being removed for cleaning.



*Consider some type of functional storage between a refrigerator and an adjacent wall—this type of pull-out pantry would let a refrigerator door open fully.*

## Spring cleaning tips .....

- To keep your refrigerator running efficiently and quietly, vacuum under, over, and behind it, if possible.
- If your faucets are spraying unevenly, remove the screen at the top and clean out the sediment and calcium buildup.
- For any new glass windows, doors, walls, and panels, consider having

them treated with a product, such as Tekon, that fills in the pores of the glass and makes it much easier to clean. If you don't have new glass, you can still use spray coatings that help make your glass easier to clean. Look for products that are environmentally friendly and you can make your life easier and get rid of harsh chemicals at the same time.

## Did you know?



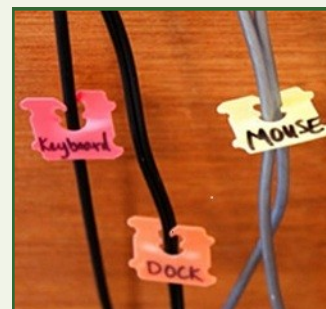
*Turn your muffin pan upside down, bake cookie dough over the top, and end up with cookie “bowls” for fruit, yogurt, or ice cream.*



*Freeze Aloe Vera gel in ice-cube trays for soothing sunburn relief.*



*Re-use a wet wipes container to store plastic grocery bags.*



*Bread bag tags can be used to label and group computer and accessory cords.*