

TIME: ENEMY OF THE NEW HOMEMAKER

The kitchen clock is usually the mortal enemy for a beginning homemaker. There will come a time when you will whip through your household chores at top speed, but proper management of time is actually more vital to the young bride than making a creditable cherry pie.

She cannot slow down the clock's speed, but, by making use of those tag ends of time that otherwise go to waste, she can reap double benefits. It is recommended that the young homemaker time herself on cleaning jobs, and know which ones can be done in five, 10 or 20 minutes. She can then

do one or two five minute jobs while she waits for the dinner to cook, or work in a 20 minute one after dinner.

It usually takes about five minutes to sweep or vacuum the kitchen floor or clean the top of the kitchen stove. It takes 20 minutes to wash bathroom fixtures, polish the faucets, and wash the bathroom floor.

A good idea is to keep the sewing basket near the ironing board when she irons, so that she can sew on missing buttons and fix rips at the same time. If she has a stall shower she can do three tasks at once: take a shower, wash her hair, and

wash down the shower walls with a sponge.

If Saturdays become a weekly grind of cleaning it is well to try to clean part of one room each day. When making beds it takes only an added second or two to dust the head and foot-boards or to mop under the beds.

Clean kitchen shelves once at a time instead of taking an hour to do all of them at once.

Here is a general master plan to aid the beginning homemaker with certain tasks suggested for daily to yearly duties:

The daily schedule should include:

—Wiping stove burners and top and refrigerator with a sudsy sponge.

—Sweeping kitchen floor; suds-mopping if there has been major spills.

—Emptying trash cans; relining with paper.

—Straightening and surface-dusting rooms; carpet-sweeping rugs.

—Washing bathroom tub, basin, toilet; giving the floor quick suds-mopping.

—Doing hand laundry.

The weekly schedule should include:

—Suds-scouring stove—all surfaces, removal parts, and ovens.

Defrosting refrigerator and removing contents; washing with warm suds, in and out.

—Scrubbing trash cans with suds; deodorizing with disinfectant.

—Thorough dusting. —Vacuuming rugs, upholstery, mattresses, floors, and draperies. Wiping baseboards, windowsills, and knobs with a cloth wrung out of suds. Turning mattresses.

—Cleaning bathroom thoroughly: scrubbing floor and tile with hot suds and roses, then clear rinse; washing shower curtains in tub.

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