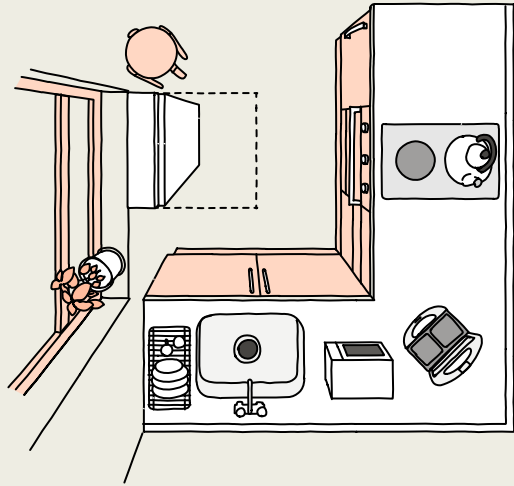


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Kitchens

Whether you're young or old, the adage that the kitchen is the most important room in the house remains the case. When you're in your twenties you may be short on space and amenities but the kitchen is still the pride and joy of a home; it only gets better with age.

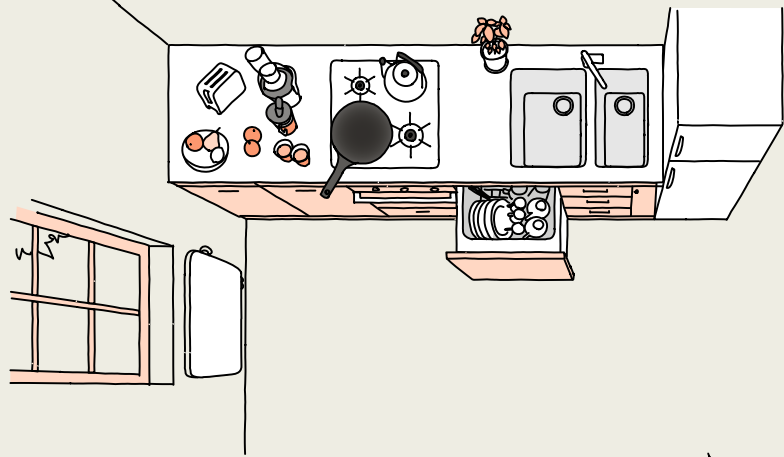


Twenties

At this stage a kitchen is merely a place for making morning cups of coffee and preparing simple meals two or three times a week. The tools of the trade are a two-pot hob, microwave oven and toasted-sandwich maker. A collapsible table is the ideal place for simple meals when friends come over.

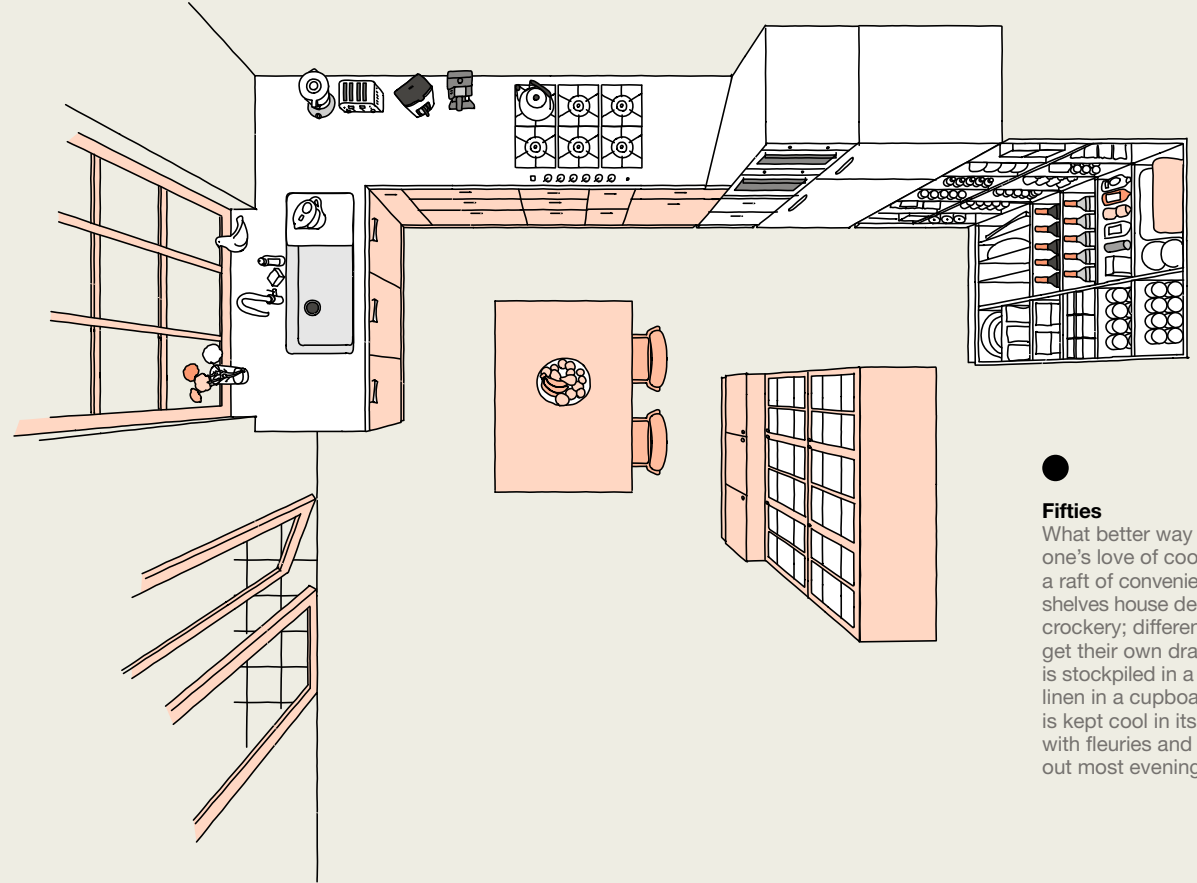
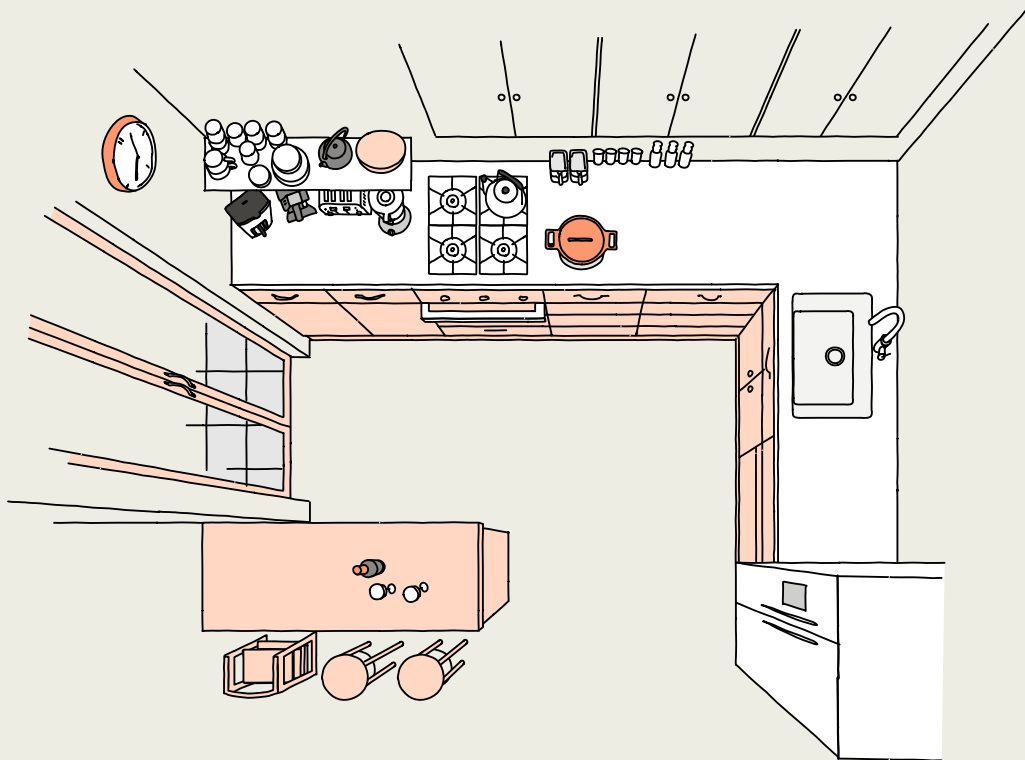
Thirties

A slightly bigger, better-equipped kitchen is the place to indulge an increasing enjoyment of cooking and healthy living. A proper dishwasher and a larger fridge have been introduced and the sandwich toaster swapped for a juicing machine.



Forties

Now is the time when the kitchen becomes the beating heart of the home. In the morning the aroma of coffee fills the room as kids eat cereal before school and baby's bottles are sterilised. During the day, infants play with their toys while lunch is made and in the evening, dinner is put in the oven while a bottle of wine is uncorked.



Fifties

What better way to honour one's love of cooking than with a raft of conveniences? Oak shelves house decades of crockery; different sets of cutlery get their own drawers. Produce is stockpiled in a larder, table linen in a cupboard and wine is kept cool in its own quarter, with fleuries and riojas drawn out most evenings.

Sixties

The kitchen becomes a place to enjoy a slower way of life and a different approach to cooking. A huge range is the place to indulge all-day cooking, with casseroles and stews bubbling away on the hob while scones bake in the oven. Coffee is ground each morning and rice cooks slowly in the machine while the wall clock tick-tocks.

