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Coeds Find Hope For Space Shortage

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EVERY inch of space counts in dormitory and sorority rooms and in tiny Pammel Court homes. With the student body enrollment swollen above the usual size, each and every student is cramped for room space.

Each fall college women arrive with boxes and packages galore, a dozen or so stuffed animals, every handkerchief they own and perhaps a set of dishes and silverware. But woe to the woman when she walks into that room, for she notices that one, two, three or four students are living there, too, and that she will have difficulty squeezing in her own belongings. It is not necessary to take the drastic step of dehydrating the clothes and books, but it is essential that steps toward increasing storage space be taken.

Add orange crates to ingenuity and the problem is solved. The orange crate is one of the most popular furniture items used because it is inexpensive and versatile. Knock out a side here or there, add a shelf or pile several together and the crates are ready for service. The individual’s whim will decide what the outcome will be.

Dressing tables are items of necessity. Made by placing three crates on end, the tables are covered with appropriate material, and shelves may be added inside for smaller articles. Stressing table stools may be constructed from barrels and square boxes. Covered with matching drapery material, the stools complete the dressing table set. The inside of the stool may be used for linens or soiled clothes.

AN ORANGE crate fastened to a smaller box creates a modern table for radio and lamp. The inside makes an attractive bookcase. Crates piled up on top of each other make useful shelves for clothes or books. Or make a corner whatnot shelf by knocking out one side of a crate and placing the remainder in corner.

Trunks covered with material may be used as tables or shelves in between dormer windows. The drawers of a wardrobe trunk, placed on top of each other in the shape of a pyramid, create a novel bookshelf and whatnot shelf.

Don’t forget to make use of shoe bags on the backs of doors and clothes racks hung from the picture molding.

Upon arriving at school, one clever woman measured the space under her bed and then persuaded her father to build a box of the right dimensions which would just slip under the bed. This is an advantageous place to keep linens, seldom-used articles and the roommate’s Christmas present. Another woman noticed an alcove about a foot square on one side of her closet. With two boards the height of the wall and a half dozen shorter boards she constructed shelves from the floor up and made use of space that otherwise would have been wasted.

Tired-looking radiators will become perky additions to any room if a shelf is built on top and material draped around the sides. Many students have taken advantage of extra space provided by the cardboard chests and wardrobes sold at department stores.

PAMMEL Court wives grin and bear the crowded situation as they attempt to cope with the storage problem as best they are able. Those living in prefabricated houses and quonset huts have more room than those living in trailers and one-room houses.

Some wives have been on the move for the last year or so and are accustomed to the cramped living quarters of one room. They are well grooved in making something out of nothing. Others have lived in one spot for a year or more finding the shortage problem increasing as they have a tendency to accumulate superfluous articles.

Those couples with children are handicapped from the standpoint that so much room is needed for the youngsters’ clothing, toys and feeding equipment. The wife must also find room for her household articles and canned goods. To compete with the overwhelming difficulties the homemaker makes use of every available nook and cranny.

After taking advantage of the cabinet space offered, many build bookcases above or on the side of their desk. Shelves are constructed in the bathroom to hold necessary toilet articles.

Hooks come in handy in many places under the stove to hold pans, around the closets for clothing. Orange crates placed in the back of the closets make excellent shoe racks.

One wife rearranged her kitchen to make it the ideal U-shape. She added square washtubs on wheels to one side and covered the tops with rubber tile. The tops served as a working center while the inside was used as storage for vegetables and other food.

Storage space for canned goods, household items and children’s equipment is a prize puzzle for Pammel Court householders.