



## Play kitchen looks for real

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Trade a few evenings' work  
for the endless delight  
of a little girl

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■ ANY ONE OF these three pint-size appliances is bound to bring squeals of delight on Christmas morning, for what little girl hasn't dreamed of having her own stove, sink and refrigerator, just like Mommy's?

The stove is a simple box construction of  $\frac{1}{2}$ -in. plywood with glue and nails used to fasten all joints. Switches on the front panel control the realistic burners and oven light which are powered by a 6-volt lantern battery mounted inside on the back of the stove. When a burner switch is turned on, it lights a small bulb mounted under red cellophane in the center of the circular burner cutout.

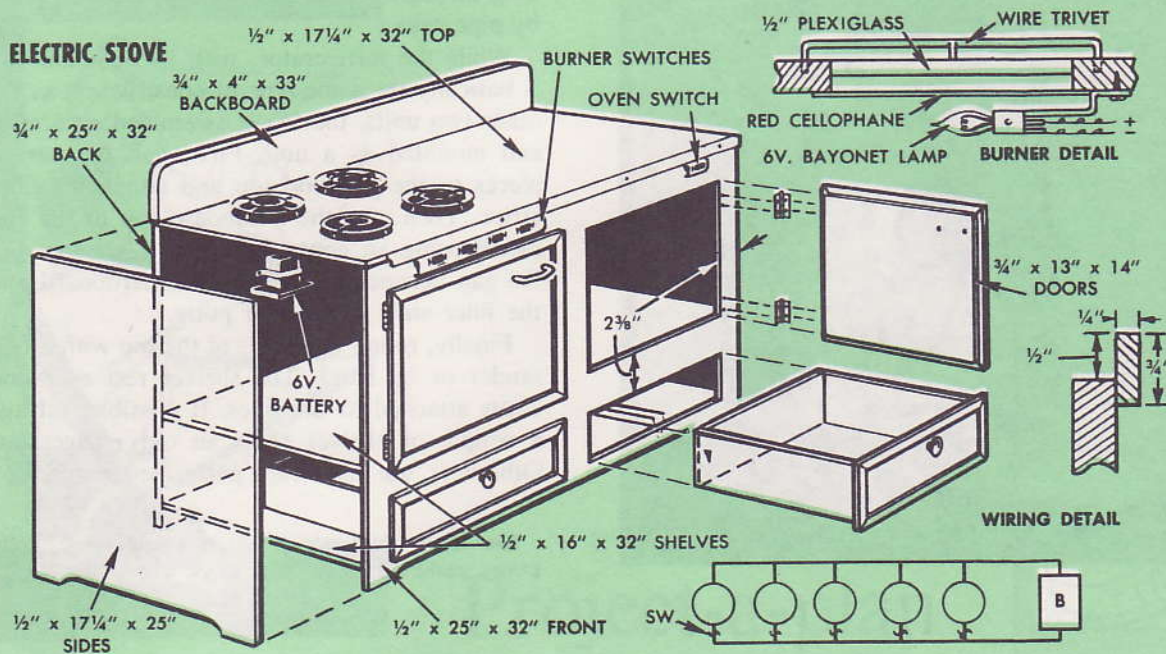
The drawing at the right details construction. When the stove is assembled, round off all exterior edges by sanding so that they resemble a real stove. Fill all cracks with wood putty and finish with white enamel.

If you're a perfectionist, you can give the toys an even more realistic finish by first applying a primer coat and following it with a fine sanding. Then apply two coats of the appliance white spray-can enamel sold to touch up the real units.

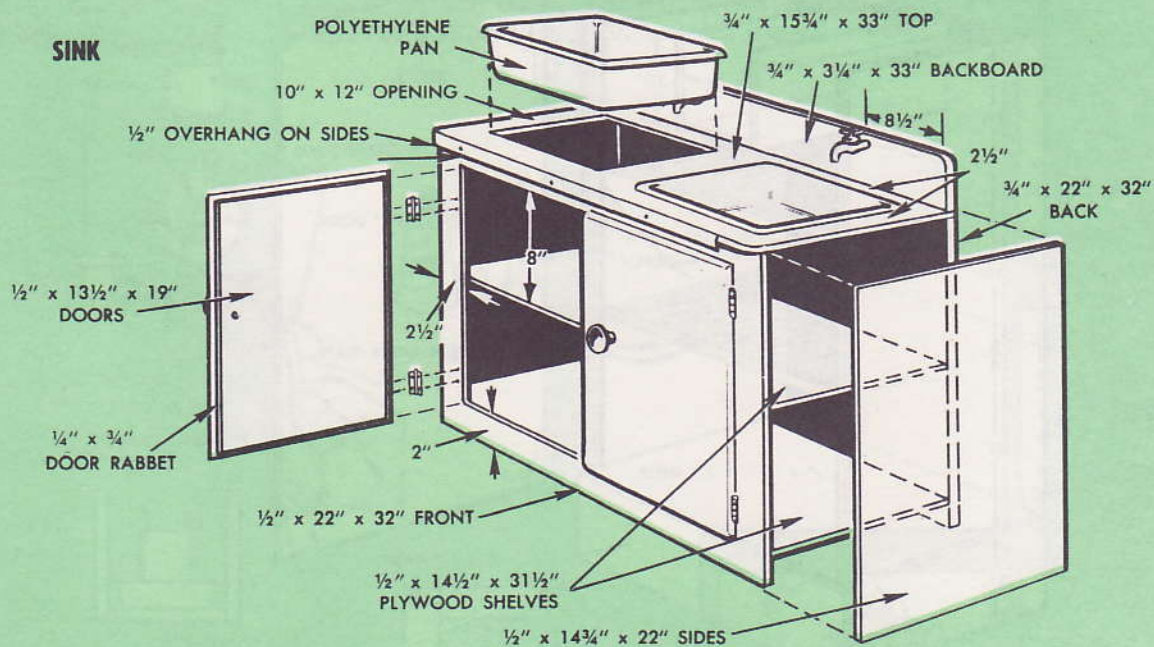
The sink is constructed similarly, both glue and nails being used. Two rectangular polyethylene pans set in cutouts in the top serve as a double sink. The faucets, which are regular



## ELECTRIC STOVE



## SINK







sink faucets, are attached to close nipples running through the splashboard and held in place by pipe caps.

While the refrigerator, with its light and all, is basically the same type of construction as the other two units, the top is assembled separately and mounted as a unit. First, nail the curved pieces to the plywood top and attach the filler strips. Then glue the hardboard top to the end pieces using an epoxy glue and C-clamps. Fill the gap between the edge of the hardboard and the filler strip with wood putty.

Finally, round the edges of the top with a belt sander or by hand. The shelves rest on wood cleats attached to the sides. If possible, salvage a couple of shelves from an old refrigerator. Otherwise, use any strong perforated material.

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