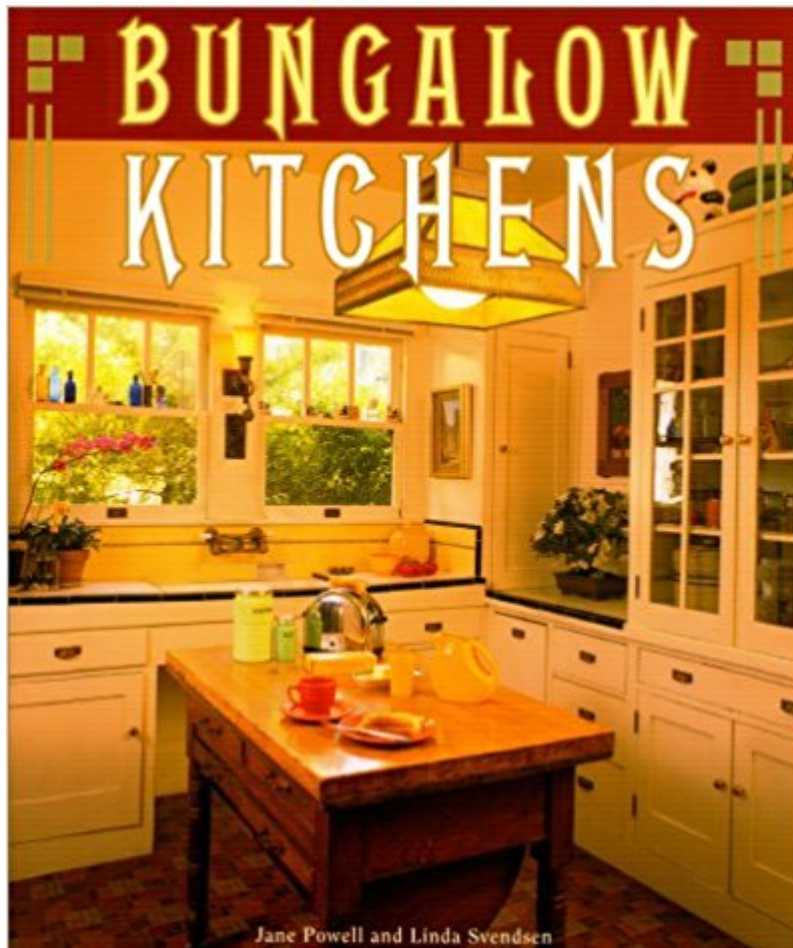




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# Bungalow Kitchens



## Synopsis

Filled with handsome photographs of retro-style kitchens, this is a "what to" book for those who want to learn how to restore or re-create a bungalow-era kitchen. It is filled with invaluable information describing what was in these kitchens, when it was available, and how it went together. You will be inspired to re-create the Bungalow aesthetic of old while enjoying contemporary conveniences.

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The text is conversational but thorough, the kitchens shown are stylish but not trendy this book is not just for bungalow owners. (Old House Journal 2000-01-01)A visit to the past and a picturesque guide to creating a historic look in your own kitchen, whether old or new. (Arizona Republic 2000-01-01)This book is more about being as authentic to early-20th-century styles as possible without compromising the basic requirements of a contemporary kitchen. (Fine Building 2000-01-01)

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Really appreciated the thoroughness and what I could learn about how my house used to be. Fixing up a 1920's bungalow with a "remuddled" kitchen felt so weird and clumsy until this book! I think the author's inclination towards being a bit of a purist is actually helpful in that I can decide which parts

of that to take and make my own. I learned from her what my house used to look like and why, which is such a helpful thing to keep in mind as I try to make it functional and beautiful once again.

Anyone who has an older bungalow style home should study this book before planning a kitchen remodel. Edited to add: several years after my first read through this book, I revisited it and found that my opinion has changed. This is still a great way to see photos of original craftsman kitchens. However, I found the authors' "obsessive restoration" sections for the most part to be ridiculous, and even some of the so-called "compromise solutions" to be silly and fall short of bringing a kitchen into a fully functional 21st century workspace. I thought I was something of an old-house purist but apparently not.

I also have Powell's Bungalow Bathrooms and found both to be very informative. Although Powell seems to be more of a preservationist than I am, I found it helpful to know what is authentic and what is not in kitchens of this period. I feel like I will make more conscious and educated choices. For example, I was considering a farmhouse sink, but now that I know that those were really of an earlier period and generally not installed in bungalows, I'm rethinking whether I want one. I still might, but I'll do it knowing that I am veering from the authentic. I also get a kick out of her strong opinions and enjoy groaning at her corny puns.

As a bungalow owner and enthusiast, I found this book very enjoyable. The photographs are beautiful and the historical information on the evolution of the kitchen is very interesting. If a kitchen remodel is in your future, the author discusses treatment of all elements in a kitchen and utilizes a 2-category system to recommend restoration options: Obsessive Restoration and Compromise Solutions. In general, I found Compromise Solutions to be most practical, however, these suggestions were even a bit non-forgiving of modern conveniences. While the book espouses that it is "the ultimate guidebook to preserving the beauty and integrity of the past while adapting it to the utilitarian values of the present", few present-day values are acceptable to the author. Heaven forbid if you use solid surfacing on your counters. While perhaps not stylistically accurate, many new materials are utilized in a manner consistent with the spirit of original bungalow design and habitation: efficiency and practicality. Many can actually be made to resemble elements of a period kitchen. As a pseudo-preservationist, even I don't want to cook on a dirty cast-iron stove, and chop my vegetables on a beat-up 75-year old wooden counter!

I discovered this book, *Bungalow Kitchens*, in the local library, and returned to it time after time because of the beautiful photographs. After checking it out for the fifth time, I bought it. It carries information on restoring small Tudor style kitchens with authentic colors, cabinet types, hardware, and interesting descriptions of 1920's kitchen appliances and built-ins. One such, detailed in the book, is the California cooler, a cabinet with an outside ventilation system for storing foodstuffs in cold weather. Many books of this type concentrate on the bungalow kitchen, which has darker woodwork and is more in the style of Frank Lloyd Wright, but in this book the Tudor kitchens are generally white or in lighter colors. This book also provides a collection of 1920's rooms filled with authentic old kitchenware and decorated in a Tudor period style. The sections 'Obsessive Restoration' versus the 'Compromise Solution' sections can help you decide, depending on circumstances, funds, and time, whether you wish to create a truly authentic 1920's kitchen, or one in the spirit of that style. Sections include: The history of the modern kitchen, its eye appeal, the layout and design, the appliances and how to deal with professionals. I still refer to this book constantly, even though my kitchen is now restored to its original roots. It is a great reference and resource book on early kitchens of the 20th century Tudor.

My house is a craftsman style house that was built in the 1920's. I bought these books to help during the restoration/remodel of our kitchen. I highly recommend this book to anyone doing a remodel on an older home. It offers so many pointers, and a couple different levels of restoration: obsessive...(which gives you the do's and don'ts for a truly authentic restoration), and another, which explains which modern materials and appliances can offer the same look without having to go to a salvage yard to redo your house:) LOVE this book!!

Being on the extremely limited budget, the idea of restoring our 1923 craftsman kitchen to the obsessive original is not even an option. This fabulous book gives you numerous ideas/ paths as to what a \$100,000 restoration would encompass, and then provides compromises that the 'normal' home owner can accomplish with great results. It definitely made me re-contemplate several ideas that we had already set in stone, and I think ultimately will save us investment money. My favorite aspect of this book? Unlike several bungalow magazines (which will go unnamed) that feel the need to pretentiously describe the 'color of fumed oak' and ten million other things that the average home owner will never afford or see, Jane Powell is down to earth and able to 'talk' to you like your neighbor next door.

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