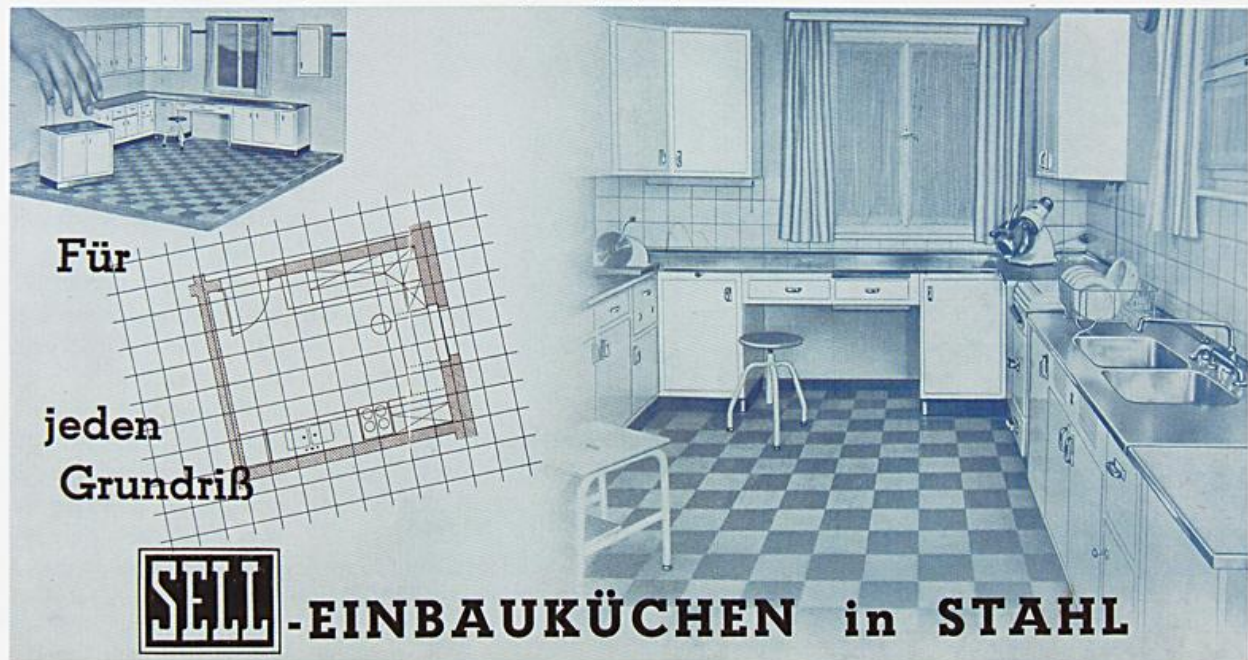


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Fitted kitchen made of steel by Sell, brochure 1952, private property



Kitchen stories

The 20th century was characterized by the demand to rationalize housekeeping. From the twenties until today, fitted kitchens have been considered the answer to the problem. Since the late forties, the Swedish research institute for home and household has promoted the sales of fitted kitchens. The film "Kitchen Stories", Norway 2003, directed by Bent Hamer, is a parody on how in the fifties, the institute tried to research the cooking habits of Norwegian bachelors. Observers were placed on high stools in bachelors' kitchens to watch them cooking.



Scene shot from "Kitchen Stories", a satirical film about kitchen research in the fifties, Norway 2003



Measuring beaker, around 1910, private property