Using That Hard To Reach Corner Cabinet Space, Version 1.2

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My kitchen has a "Bermuda Triangle"². I put pots and pans in this dark recess in the corner and they cease to exist. Well, I know they're in there but they are difficult to reach on the rare occasion that I need them.

After being inspired by the amazing storage solutions invented by Dave Kellogg, I decided to see if I could solve this one. I sat down on the floor in front of this cupboard and see if a simple solution could be found.



My solution consists of a sheet of 0.08-inch thick acrylic plastic. It is as wide as the opening at the door and as long as the distance from the right side of the door opening to the back wall of my Bermuda Triangle. Using a heat gun, I bent up a 7 inch tall stop on one end and a 2-inch tall lip on the other.

The "sled" is about ¾ as wide as this cupboard is deep but it is good enough to move things around. Being this size, it is easy to put into the space.

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² https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bermuda_Triangle



The sled is trial loaded. Then I placed the empty sled into the cabinet and put these items back on.



With my pile of oven mitts in front, you can barely see the sled back there in the shadows.



Lift out the stack of mitts and I can grab the lip and slide the sled over for easy access.





It didn't take long to realize that the oven mitts could go on a cookie pan for easy removal. I added my wok behind it.



With the sled tucked away on the right and the cookie pan in front of it, I have used all of the room. Most of the time, I need an oven mitt which is right in front. Once in a while I need the wok which is reached by partially sliding out the pan. On rare occasions, I will have to lift out the pan and slide over the sled in order to reach the large frying pans.

Notice the storage space below the oven mitts. It contains one pot and a bread loaf pan. The rest is empty. What could be more luxurious than to have empty space!

I was reminded by Arthur Coleman from the UK and André Jaeken from Belgium of current solutions to this problem. Search using "kitchen corner cabinet ideas" for hundreds of great, but more elaborate, ideas.

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