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(54) **Worktops and methods of assembling worktops**

(57) In the field of kitchen worktops it is known to bond two different worktop types together using worktop bolts. However, there remains a need for securing an edge member to finish thus bonded worktop portions (11,21) in a visually effective manner.

groove (16) extending along its free edge. The groove (16) receives a tongue (17) that is formed in an edge member (12,22) that is an interference fit in groove (16). Thus the edge member (12,22) may be common to a number of worktop portions (11,21) bonded together.

The invention relates to a worktop (10) having a

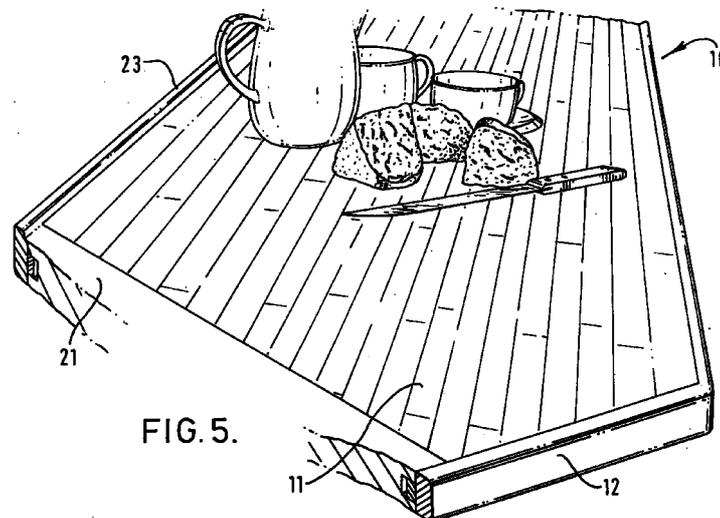


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