

KITCHEN TOOLS CHECKLIST



THE BASIC GEAR TO COOK SIMPLE DINNERS AND STORE FOOD LIKE A PRO

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THE BASICS — START HERE

KNIVES & CUTTING

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Chef's knife (8-inch) | Does 90% of all cutting tasks |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Paring knife | Small jobs & peeling |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Serrated / bread knife | Bread, tomatoes, soft items |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 2 cutting boards | One for produce, one for raw meat |

POTS & PANS

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Large skillet (12-inch, oven-safe) | Searing, sauteing, one-pan meals |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Medium saucepan with lid | Rice, sauces, small batches |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Large pot or Dutch oven | Soups, pasta, no-knead bread |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 2 rimmed sheet pans | Sheet-pan dinners & roasting |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 9x13 baking dish | Casseroles & enchilada bakes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Wire cooling rack | Baking & crispy roasting |

PREP & MEASURING

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Nesting mixing bowls (set) | Prep, mixing, marinating |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Dry measuring cups | Accurate baking & cooking |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Liquid measuring cup | Liquids & batters |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Measuring spoons | Seasonings & extracts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Colander / strainer | Draining pasta & rinsing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Box grater | Cheese, veg, zest |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Vegetable peeler | Peeling & shaving |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Can opener | Pantry essential |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Instant-read thermometer | Hit safe temps every time (165F, etc.) |

UTENSILS

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Wooden spoon | Stirring & sauteing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Silicone spatula | Scraping, folding, nonstick-safe |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Whisk | Sauces, dressings, eggs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Tongs | Flipping & serving |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Slotted / serving spoon | Plating & stirring |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Ladle | Soups & sauces |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 2 oven mitts or pot holders | Safe handling |

FOOD PREP & STORAGE

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Airtight containers (glass or plastic) | Leftovers & meal prep |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Mason / glass jars | Dressings, overnight prep, salads |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Freezer bags or reusable bags | Freezing portions & marinating |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Aluminum foil | Roasting, covering, wrapping |

<input type="checkbox"/>	Parchment paper	No-stick baking & easy cleanup	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Plastic wrap or beeswax wraps	Covering & sealing	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Labels + marker	Date & name your prep	
LEVEL UP — ADD THESE AS YOU GROW			
TIME-SAVING APPLIANCES			
<input type="checkbox"/>	Air fryer	Crispy results, fast (lots of site recipes)	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Instant Pot / pressure cooker	Roasts, soups & quick proteins	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Slow cooker	Dump-and-go shredded beef tacos & more	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Blender or immersion blender	Soups, sauces, smoothies	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Food processor	Chopping, doughs, dips	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Hand or stand mixer	Baking & doughs	
TOOLS THAT SHARPEN YOUR SKILLS			
<input type="checkbox"/>	Kitchen scale	Precise baking & portions	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Microplane / zester	Citrus zest, garlic, hard cheese	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cast iron skillet	Best sear; lasts a lifetime	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Fine mesh sieve	Sifting & straining	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Garlic press & citrus juicer	Speed up everyday prep	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Pepper grinder	Fresh pepper on demand	
BAKEWARE & SPECIAL PROJECTS			
<input type="checkbox"/>	Muffin tin & loaf pan	Muffins, breads, baps	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cake pans & pie dish	Desserts from the site	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ramekins + kitchen torch	Crepe brulee & individual bakes	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rolling pin	Doughs, pastry, cookies	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Compartment meal-prep containers	Grab-and-go portioned meals	