

Kitchen Corner



Five Hacks To Save Space In Compact Kitchens

(NAPSA)—What's big in homes these days is small. That is to say, many young couples starting out, downsizing empty nesters and singles of all sorts are reveling in their tiny houses or microapartments. After all, they don't need bookcases, record racks or a lot of other furniture that used to be thought essential. Once the futon is folded away, however, there's still the problem of how to turn out great meals in a tiny kitchen.

Here are five hints that can help.

1) Everything IN the kitchen sink. You can now get a not-too-big sink with the drainboard built in. A cutting board and grid also make the sink a functional working space. The Precis Medium Single with Drainer offers a crisp angular design, durable surface and a unique, wave-shaped, integrated stainless grid that effectively doubles the drying area.

Because it comes from Blanco, the German manufacturer of finely crafted sinks and faucets, it's made of the company's Silgranit, which is an extremely hygienic surface that's both safe and tough for food prep, cleaning and more.

2) Up against the wall is where you can keep a lot of accessories. From knife and spice storage to paper towel holders, a decorative recess system keeps them



A cleverly designed kitchen sink that includes a drainer and cutting board can help you create great meals even if you don't have a lot of space.

all out of the way but still within easy reach at all times.

3) Let things slide in your kitchen. That is, keep pots, pans, dishes and canned goods on sliding shelves that can not only let you use "blind" space but keep bending, stretching and searching for things at a minimum.

4) Things can be simply rolling along if you have a rolling cart, particularly one with a cutting board top and shelves or drawers underneath. You simply push it to wherever you want to do your kitchen work—or just to the part of the room that's least cluttered.

5) Rack 'em up. A ceiling rack will let you hang up your pots and pans where they're convenient to get to, out of your way and able to double as decorative accessories.

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