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Kitchen essentials checklist

QUICK ANSWER

A one-page tick list of what a first kitchen needs. Buy in the order you cook; skip what you will not use.

Cook

- [ ] 10 in frying pan
- [ ] Saucepan with lid
- [ ] Stockpot
- [ ] Sheet pan
- [ ] Roasting pan or baking dish
- [ ] Colander

Prep

- [ ] Chef's knife
- [ ] Paring knife
- [ ] Cutting boards (separate one for raw meat)
- [ ] Mixing bowls
- [ ] Measuring cups and spoons
- [ ] Kitchen scale
- [ ] Peeler
- [ ] Box grater

Tools

- [ ] Wooden spoons
- [ ] Spatula and turner
- [ ] Tongs
- [ ] Whisk
- [ ] Ladle
- [ ] Can opener
- [ ] Instant-read thermometer

Bake

- [ ] Muffin tin
- [ ] Cooling rack
- [ ] Rolling pin
- [ ] Oven mitts

Store and clean

- [ ] Food storage containers with lids
- [ ] Dish rack or drying mat
- [ ] Dish brush
- [ ] Kitchen towels

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