

## Some new thoughts on making your first kitchen feel homey

You've signed the lease, packed your bags and even planned your first apartment-warming party. And although you've collected an assortment of mom's cast-offs and tag sale bargains to decorate your new home, the kitchen still needs extra attention.

Whether you are cooking for yourself or entertaining a crew, durable and reliable kitchen utensils will help to make the first months on your own feel more like home.

The following low-cost tips on outfitting an efficient, workable kitchen, provided by the experts at Revere Ware, should help:

- Don't be overwhelmed by the glamorous gadgets in housewares departments. Leave the ice cream makers and coffee grinders to gift-givers, and start with the basics.

Like your budget, your kitchen is probably on the smallish side, so a few well-chosen necessities will save you space and dollars.

Go with brands you recognize, keeping in mind quality, durability and good design.

- To identify fine cookware, check the construction. Stainless steel with copper or aluminum on the bottom is easy to clean and lasts a long time. Lids should fit down into the pan so they won't slide off.

Start with Revere Ware's whistling tea kettle, small and large size skillets; two or three saucepans and an eight or 10-quart stock pot. This will give you the flexibility to prepare for one or a dozen.

The small skillet can double as an omelette pan for relaxed breakfasts. The versatile stockpot—good for whipping up pasta salads, chili or grandma's soup—will complete the set.

- For birthday cakes or rainy day cookies, your list of baking essentials should include two cookie sheets, a muffin tin, one round and one square cake pan, rolling pin, flour sifter and wire cooling racks. Cookie cutters aren't essential, but come in handy at holiday time.

- Quality cutlery is well worth the cost, so a few selected pieces are best. For instance, Revere Ware's six-piece cutlery set has all the basics you'll need, including chef's knife, bread knife, carving knife, utility knife, paring knife and kitchen shears.

- If by now you've stretched your budget to the limit, look to new uses for secondhand items. The not-so-new throw rug, too worn for the front hall, might be just the thing to put underfoot to catch drips from sink and stove.

Also, grandma's old floral or scenic prints, too dated for the living room, add a homey touch to stark kitchen walls.

- For recipes, pick up an inexpensive photo album and mount them behind the spatter-proof pages. The book will protect mom's family recipes for years to come.

A little planning before you set up that first kitchen will save your hard-earned money and leisure time, while laying the groundwork for years of good eating!

## Special features abound at Toronto Home Show

Visitors to the all new Toronto Home Improvement Show at the Automotive Building, Exhibition Place, October 15 to 18, will be treated to a wide range of show features that are sure to appeal to everyone from the do-it-yourself renovator to the indoor gardener.

Lynette Jennings, Home decorating Editor of Canadian Living Magazine, will work closely with Eatons to present 15 minute stage presentations on mixing and matching furniture. "Growing up with Ikea" is Ikea Canada's contribution to the feature lineup, representing the change a child's room undergoes from nursery to teenager's bedroom. Bound to be of great interest to the do-it-yourselfer are Lumberking's ten demonstrations of Fall and Winter projects, with experts on hand to give that extra bit of help to the weekend handyman. "America's Master Gardener" Jerry Baker, famous for his unusual strategies and concoctions for the home gardener, will appear daily in the Garden Clinic.

For those planning kitchen renovations this winter, a visit to "My Favourite Kitchen," presented by renowned designer, Jim Hazzard, is an absolute must. The entire kitchen will be brought to the show by Heartwood Kitchens and is outfitted with the latest labour saving devices and organizational aids to save time and space.


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