

Recipe for a successful kitchen



Cherished family recipes all originate in the kitchen. And just like these dishes, created with the perfect combination of ingredients, the design of a successful kitchen also calls for the right recipe.

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Once the basic ingredients, such as cabinetry and countertops, have been blended together, it's time to add the special touches which turn a standard into a gourmet delight. By outfitting kitchen cabinets with various accessories, you can maximize convenience, increase storage and maximize organization while still keeping within budget.

The deep, lower cabinets located in corners always seem to present accessibility problems. Turn shelves, sometimes referred to as Lazy Susans, are one popular solution. They are used in conjunction with a "piano" hinged cabinet which has two doors attached by a hinge allowing easier entry into the cabinet.



The "Magic Corner"

Hard to reach blind corner cabinets – which have only one door and result in "dead" storage – are an even bigger challenge. An excellent solution is a steel shelving structure, referred to as a "Magic Corner", which swivels out,

permitting extremely easy access to all baskets. It's absolutely ingenious!

Inserts are the answer to organizing drawers and making sure the items that are used most frequently (say, the corkscrew) are readily available at your fingertips. The most popular are cutlery inserts, available in both single and double levels, which are customized to fit the actual drawer size. Utility inserts keep all kitchen utensils in line and spice inserts allow full view of your spice bottles once the drawer is opened.

Other resourceful garnishes are pull-outs of all types. Pull-out shelves are a favorite option for deep shelving which can quickly become chaotic and hard to get at and spice pull-outs fit extremely well in a tight little area which can be otherwise useless. Wicker basket pull-outs, which are in fact visible, add a touch of interest to any kitchen as well as provide convenience in terms of storing potatoes, onions, and so on.

Whether we like it or not, garbage is an issue we all have to deal with. Fortunately, there is a large variety of garbage bins available to fit inconspicuously in almost any type of location. Some are attached to the door below the sink and the lid flips up when the door is opened. Others pull out. Recycling is a concern many of us share. What do we do with it? Here again, there are ample options to choose from. The most popular choice is a double bin unit attached to a door which pulls out, a simple one-step process.

If you're looking for extra sizzle in your kitchen, you can incorporate a customized wood hood façade in the design. It can match or compliment the finish of your kitchen and provide that "WOW" factor.



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