

Beginner Kitchen Essentials Checklist

These tools will make cooking smoother, safer, and more fun. Start with the basics — you can always add more as you grow.

- Chef's knife your most important tool
- Cutting board (wood or plastic)
- Medium saucepan (2–3 qt)
- Large skillet or frying pan
- Mixing bowls (various sizes)
- Measuring cups and spoons
- Tongs and spatula
- Sheet pan or baking tray
- Colander (for draining pasta or washing veggies)
- Wooden spoon and ladle
- Can opener
- Peeler and whisk
- Storage containers for leftovers

Pro Tip: Focus on learning to use your chef's knife well — it's the key to faster, safer cooking.