

Description of Measuring Cups

Measuring cups are a group of usually four small cups with handles, each with a different size. The different sizes are different volumes and the volume, usually measured in “cups” are indicated by a label on the handle. Measuring cups are most often used to measure the proper amount of ingredient for a recipe in cooking, but it has other applications for measuring in arts and crafts as well. Each cup may have the same, or different colors. Principle parts include the measuring cups themselves, a handle attached to the cup, and a chain holding the measuring cups together.



The Cup

The cups themselves are usually about half as deep as they are wide, and the width depends on how much volume the cup is measuring. The measurement of “1 cup” is a little large than the size of an average palm, with the “ $\frac{3}{4}$ ” of a cup” being slightly smaller, and so on with the “ $\frac{1}{2}$ ” and “ $\frac{1}{4}$ ” of a cup. The rims of the cups flare out slightly. The cups can either be made of metal or plastic, in this case being plastic. The cups can also be the same, or different colors. In this case the colors are purple, yellow, orange, and blue. The underside of the cup is smooth and has no indentations.



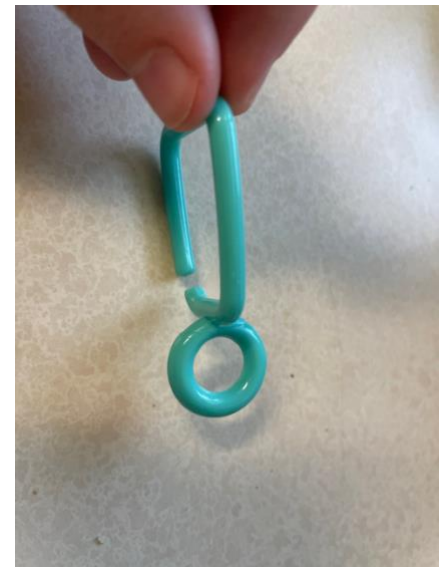
The Handle

The handle is attached to the rim of the cup and is usually the same material and color. It is about six inches long and an inch wide, so that it can fit snugly in the hand and be easily used. Each handle is marked with the amount that the corresponding cup can hold. For example, one handle may be marked $\frac{1}{2}$ a cup, if the cup holds that amount of ingredient. It is also marked with the brand, “Farberware” in all caps. The purpose of the handle is to make using the cups much easier and to indicate the volume the cup holds. There is a hole at the end of the handle opposite to the cup, so that the measuring cup can be attached to the ring.



The Ring

The ring is a plastic circle about 2 inches in diameter. There is a cut in the plastic so that the circle can be opened to remove the cups. The color is blue. The rung itself is thin, yet still sturdy. There is another circle attached to the ring, presumably to hang the measuring cups on a hook. There are no defining patterns or indentations that make the chain unique, other than the cut in the plastic.



Conclusion

Measuring cups consist of four different sized cups with handles attached, and a ring holding all the cups together. The handle conveys how much each cup can hold. All these parts together function to allow users to measure out ingredients easily and accurately.