

Kitchen Korner

Handy Recipes For Sticking Many Cooks In One Kitchen

(NAPSA)—Today the kitchen is typically used by many members of the family, according to A.J. Riedel of Riedel Marketing Group, Chicago. This has led to new kitchen products and changes in how space is arranged. “There are new microwave ovens that fit in the top of base cabinets, so pre-teens can make snacks,” Riedel says, cautioning that children under eight should not use any electrical appliances.

“A raised dishwasher cabinet reduces back strain,” says Carla Fish, senior designer for Kraft-Maid Cabinetry, who develops designs for various kitchen users, including older Americans. “Lower countertop heights are comfortable for children and adults working together and for adults under 5-feet, 4-inches tall,” she adds.

Cooks of all ages share a need for speed, according to the International Housewares Association (IHA). It reports that 44 percent of weekday meals are made in less than 30 minutes. Hanging frequently used utensils near where they are used adds convenience for any cook.

Spring clips and hooks in a group of mounting products with Command adhesive from 3M make it easy to keep utensils, towels and potholders handy. When removed properly, the self-adhesive series leaves behind no holes, marks, stains or sticky residue.

Spring clips in this 3M family come in white, blue, green and purple. One strategically placed on the front of a wall cabinet keeps a recipe at eye level. Another can hold a potholder or towel. Hooks also come in a range of colors.

Just 52 percent of Americans use their ovens daily, IHA reports.



Use kitchen walls to decorate and free counters of tools, cords and wires. Here, self-stick chrome-colored designer hooks with Command adhesive from 3M hold utensils and a medium cord clip grips the toaster cord. White and purple spring clips grasp a recipe and towel, respectively, and a ceramic dragonfly hangs from a deco style hook. Moving? There will be no holes or residue on the marble, cabinets or painted plasterboard, thanks to 3M's stretch-release technology.

Instead, people use a proliferation of small specialty appliances, such as hot-dog cookers, electric salad dressing mixers, crock pots and toaster ovens. For safety's sake as well as convenience, the electrical cords from these appliances can be guided up from the countertop and along the backsplash or wall to electrical outlets with 3M self-adhesive cord clips. The cord clips come in small, medium and large to accommodate single or multiple, ordinary or heavy-duty electrical cords. Like the other products, they adhere to most flat surfaces.

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