

10 Things I Love in My Kitchen



Most of my time is spent in the kitchen. I love the kitchen overall, but I have a few favorites that, if I were to design another kitchen, I would definitely include. Here is my list of top 10 items I love and use heavily in the kitchen.

Nespresso Machine



My Nespresso Machine is the one of the best birthday gifts I have ever received. Called [Creatista by Nespresso and Breville](#), it continues to perform multiple times day after day. This machine steams the milk and creates a range of coffee choices from espresso to macchiato. A day doesn't go by when I don't use this machine. A very worthy investment!

My happy cups are designed by [Jennifer Orkin Lewis](#) and purchased from Anthropologie, but not sure they are still available. To see why I call these happy cups, click [here](#).

Double Sinks with Double Faucets



I am so glad I purchased two high quality [Franke](#) stainless steel sinks (which look as good as the day I bought them). However, when I told plumber that I wanted a faucet for each sink, he thought I was nuts. Typically one faucet will serve two sinks.

My two [Kohler Artifacts](#) faucets in polished nickel allow two people to be washing dishes or using the sinks independently.

Both have a 2 function pull-down spray heads. The faucets were pricey, but again, well-worth every penny!

My Pot Filler

My pot filler is located right above the stove. The arm extends over each burner so I can fill multiple pots easily. This affordable luxury allows me to fill my large cooking pots right there vs. hauling them across the kitchen. Very helpful when I am making several pots of pet food. Mine is a [Chicago Faucets Softflo Pot and Kettle filler](#).



Compost Bin

Disguised as a door, this pull out allows me to slide all my vegetable and fruit scraps off the island counter and right into bin inside. It is a collection method that is so convenient and small enough for easy transport to the composter on a weekly basis.



Hidden Step Stool

Tucked under the toe kick on the island, this step stool pulls out and collapses to 4" in height. My cabinet guy added a piece of toe kick trim and a handle on the front for accessibility.



It easily pops up and provides a 2-step stool for reaching those top shelves. To see a tour of my kitchen and resource this stool, click [here](#) for Part 1 and [here](#) for Part 2.



My Pedestal Organizer

Just to the left of the stove, are nearly all the things I need to cook. This vintage Italian pedestal plate holds various oils and seasonings, all within reach. It is a time saver as I don't need to go hunting for spices or condiments while cooking.



Collection of Small Bowls



White bowls from West Elm; blue bowls from The Findery

I use these bowls every single day from measuring ingredients for recipes to serving nuts or dips. The bowls are collected from various places~our trip to Italy, [West Elm](#), [The Findery](#) (Waco) and vintage stores. My friend, Connie gave me a stack of small glass [Duralux bowls](#) from France. It is still one of my all-time favorite gifts.

Salter Family Scale



I don't think this is a vintage scale, but I sure have had it a long time. While I own a fancy digital one, I seem to use this more often. Not only is it functional and nostalgic, but also pretty sitting on top of the shelf above the stove.

Weather Station



[Davis Vantage VUE weather station](#)

Even though the weather in Phoenix is mostly clear and sunny (approximately 300 days per year), I check our weather monitor every day. The wireless weather station is positioned in our orchard and transmits up to 1000 feet. This monitor has rain, temperature and humidity sensors that relay the information back to this LCD console. Made in the USA, this makes a great gift!

Paper Shredder



Staples Professional Series Paper shredder

Don't laugh (well most people find this amusing), but I have a heavy duty shredder in the kitchen by the island. This is used multiple times a day.

When the mail comes in I stand at the shredder and discard all the junk and unwanted mail in this receptacle. The shredded paper gets tossed into the composter and recycled. I still cannot believe how much non-essential stuff we get in the mail! But at least I am converting it into soil for the garden. To see my composting blog post, click [here](#).

Wishing you a terrific Tuesday. It is supposed to be 109 degrees here today. I hear the mountains calling to me, so I am hoping to dash back there to enjoy the 80 degree weather. In the meantime, stay cool and make this a marvelous day.

Mary

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