

# Easy Kitchen Updates



This past weekend I did do more window washing and tackled the job of cleaning the range hood. Using a newly recommended product from my friend, Andrea from [Design Morsels](#), I am amazed at the results. A weekend of cleaning resulting in also doing some easy kitchen updates. But let's start with this new product.

## A great Degreaser



Andrea is the modern day Hints from Heloise (am I dating myself?). From her decorating tips to product reviews, I know I can trust that Andrea has done the homework for me. When she recommends Krud Kutter to clean your range hood, I immediately order some online. See [here](#).



Our Dacor stainless steel range hood looks clean from a distance...until I spray Krud Kutter on it. Immediately the smell of old grease fills the air and much to my horror, the range hood is far from clean.



When I spray Krud Kutter on my Waterworks tile (again they *look* clean) the degreaser quickly does its job. At this point, I am just appalled.



In the range hood, I have 4 metal filters which I spray down and place in the sink. Thinking grease is difficult to remove from the mesh, I pour boiling water over the filters. You can see the difference between the dirty vs. clean part.

By the time I finish, not only am I pooped but what other items can I attack with Krud Kutter? Now that this cooking area is super clean, I want to mix things up a bit.

## My Inspiration



Heloise Brion in her kitchen with [Sharon Santoni](#)

I love art in a kitchen. However, I have so few walls that it is difficult to find a place for it. Inspired by a picture of Heloïse Brion's kitchen, (author of [Miss Maggie's Kitchen](#) cookbook), why not put art on the shelf above the stove?

## Before and After



Cook area before cleaning

Here's a picture of my cooking area before Krud Kutter. A bit cluttered and well-used.

And now here it is ~new and improved! Look at the clean hood and tile!



I know you are thinking that having original artwork about the stove is not practical....and it probably isn't. However, I did have such fun playing with the space and changing things up. Will I leave them there while I cook? No. But for right now I am enjoying the new look around the stove.

Scrubbing the scale and coffee bean container add to the shine.



Coffee bean container and scale



I love art in the kitchen

By the stove I keep handy things for cooking on a pedestal plate~oil, seasonings, spices. Even the water faucet cleans up nicely!



The double ball boxwood topiary is from [Ballard Designs](#) and is one of two. And the twine holder with scissors can be found at the shop at [Whitfill Nursery](#).



Inspired by a Kelli Folsom online art class

The paintings are done by me. The blue bowl and oranges is from a Kelli Folsom online art class. Since I do love chickens, this painting is just for fun.



Chicken painting

There is something fun about re-arranging items in your home. It's easy to leave things as is, but mixing it up helps stimulate my creative juices. I am enjoying my much cleaner kitchen and the new look in the cooking area.

Have a happy Wednesday and hopefully the warm Spring sun is shining on you.

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