



## Ideas cookin' for couple's kitchen

Like too many cooks spilling the broth, too many people in a kitchen trying to prepare a meal can result in a bumpy experience and meal preparation that is stressful, rather than relaxing and shared.

One way to ease the work flow is to specifically design the kitchen to accommodate more than one cook. This is one of many suggestions contained in a new booklet by Maytag, titled "Kitchens for Today's Living."

Adding a second sink is one approach to the two-cook problem. Doubling up in this area offers several advantages:

- Adding a second sink provides additional work space. If there's a universal complaint among homeowners, it's a lack of countertop space in the kitchen. A second sink, with adjacent countertops, gives the cook's helper extra space for preparing such things as vegetables and salads without breaking up the other person's work pattern.

- Second, an added sink gives the kitchen another water source. Back and forth trips to the sink to add water to a pot or rinse off food are typical in normal meal preparation. A second sink can speed up cooking time by eliminating such trips.

- If the counter where the second sink is located is built to the right height to accommodate stools — approximately 42 inches — this area can be used for casual dining or other purposes. For example, children can sit at the counter and chat with Mom and Dad during meal preparation without getting in the way. The counter can also be used for such things as games, finger painting or other quiet activities.

- For more information on kitchen design, including appliance selection and placement, storage tips and ideas for making the kitchen a multipurpose room, send \$1 for a copy of "Kitchens for Today's Living" to: The Maytag Co., Consumer Information Center, Dept. 209YG-HI, Newton, Iowa 50208.

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