

Your Kitchen—Simply Adequate Or Suddenly Spectacular?

Many kitchens that are adequate during most of the year become embarrassing eyesores — and a chef's worst nightmare — come Thanksgiving and Christmas when extra demands are placed on this important room.

When cooking for 14 instead of four, your kitchen must suddenly offer

more: more workspace, more cabinetry and more cooking capacity. It must also stand up to the scrutiny of your most discerning guests.

One way to create such a space is to clear the decks. Before the big cook-in, put away all appliances, utensils and even decorative accessories you're not

going to need and that can get in your way and use up your countertops. You might also consider cleaning out

the refrigerator and pantry to make room for all the ingredients and finished dishes you're going to have.

A new smoothtop range or cooktop will not only draw "oohs" and "ahhs" from your guests, but it will also offer you easy cooking and cleanup, and provide additional food preparation space. Most of today's smoothtops use the Ceran-top-System® from Schott, which includes the Ceran® glass-ceramic panel, heating elements and their mountings, a steel frame and burner controls. Schott recommends that consumers look for smoothtops that include at least three different size heating elements, ranging from six to

nine inches in diameter, and residual heat indicator lights that glow even after the cooktop is turned off.

Unlike the opaque white smoothtops of 20 years ago, the new Ceran material lets you see the heating elements glowing beneath the glass. Today's material, a specially formulated and treated glass-ceramic panel — is the result of more than 17 years of engineering development.

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Preventing Kitchen Fires

More than 100,000 fires start each year in U.S. kitchens. Most could have been prevented if the basics of fire safety had been followed, say Whirlpool home economists.

They suggest looking to your Whirlpool range owner's manual as a quick and easy source for fire prevention information. In it you'll find an entire section devoted to safety instructions, including tips such as:

- Do not use the range for warming or heating the room.
- Do not wear loose or hanging garments when using the range. They could ignite if brushed against a hot surface unit.
- Use only dry potholders. Moist or damp potholders on hot surfaces could result in burns from steam. Do not let potholders touch hot heating elements. Do not use a towel or bulky cloth for a potholder — it could catch on fire.
- Do not line reflector bowls with aluminum foil or other liners. Improper installation of these liners could result in a risk of electric shock or fire.
- Turn pan handles inward, but not over other surface units. This will help reduce the chance of urns, igniting of flammable materials and spills due to bumping of the pan.
- Grease is highly flammable. Do not allow it to collect around cooktop or in vents. Wipe spillovers immediately.

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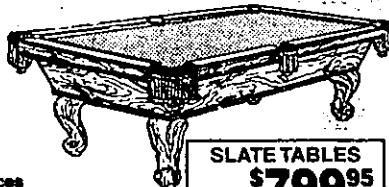
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