

# Clever Cooks Avoid Chaos With Well-Stocked Basics

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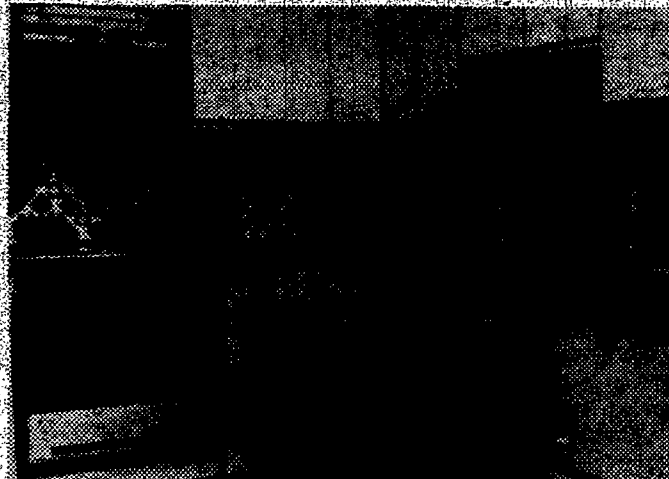
Setting up housekeeping is a time-consuming, costly and often confusing job that every newlywed must undertake.

Perhaps the most difficult room of all to equip is the kitchen, for too often when a special dinner is planned, in the midst of an exotic recipe, the new bride discovers that she hasn't yet bought a key utensil.

#### Taking stock

To prevent unforeseeable occurrences from ever spoiling your plans, take stock of your kitchen and make sure you have the basics.

Obviously, you will already have some pots and pans. But do you have the types you will need? Experts say that you can probably get by with the following minimums: a 1-quart and a 3-quart saucepan; an 8-inch and an



THE RIGHT POTS AND PANS and a few well-chosen utensils can quickly make your kitchen a gourmet center.

11- or 12-inch fry pan; and maybe a dutch oven. As your culinary repertoire and your storage space increase, you can add additional saucepans and specialty pots.

#### Emergency supplies

Do leave room under your sink for basic emergency supplies, an impor-

tant part of your kitchen gear. Include slow burning candles in case of power failure and one of the attractive new fire extinguishers designed for use in the kitchen.

#### Sharp idea

Choose your knives carefully, asking the help of a reputable kitchen supply dealer. You should never use table knives for the special kind of cutting needed in the kitchen. Instead, buy good, sharp knives made for cutting and chopping. A "French" chef's knife, with its long, triangular blade, and a small parer are ideal for starters.

Don't forget measuring cups for both liquid and dry measure, as well as wooden spoons for stirring, a metal spatula, rubber scraper, vegetable peeler, bottle and can opener, grater and funnel.

#### Additional aids

You will probably also need a strainer, egg beater and one of the new plastic cutting boards. You might want to invest in a spice rack to keep your condiments handy.

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