

The Kitchen Counter Styling Planner

A Simple Plan for a Tidy, Styled Kitchen Counter

1. Keep or Store: Clear the Counter First

Take everything off the counter, then add back only what you use every day. Everything else goes in a cabinet or drawer.

Item on my counter	Used daily?	Keep out	Store away
Coffee maker and mugs			
Soap and sponge			
Utensils			
Fruit and produce			
Pantry staples			
Other			

- Wipe the empty counter before you add anything back.
- Store small appliances you use less than weekly.

2. Counter Zone Map

Give each group of items one spot, so nothing is left loose. Measure each spot before you order anything.

Zone	What lives here	Space to measure
Coffee corner	Pods, tea, stirrers, syrups, mugs	Width and height under cabinet
Sink side	Soap, sponge, brush	Space beside the faucet
Prep area	Utensil crock, canisters	Space near the stove
Corner	Mugs, jars or small appliances	Corner width, depth and height
Produce	Fruit and vegetables	Free counter width

- Leave some bare counter in every zone, about a hand width.
- Keep the main prep area clear.

3. Match the Piece to the Problem

If your counter has...	Try this	Check first
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Loose bottles and small items	A tray	Tray size and edge height
A corner or low cabinet clearance	Counter risers	Height under cabinets
Pantry bags and boxes	Matching canisters	Ounces against what you store
A drawer full of utensils	A utensil crock	Opening width
A messy sink area	Soap dispenser set	Space beside the faucet
A pile of pods and stirrers	Coffee station organizer	Width of the corner
Fruit in a pile	Tiered fruit basket	Height under cabinets

- Start with the one problem that bothers you most.
- Repeat two or three materials so the counter looks calm.

4. Weekly Counter Reset

- Clear everything off one section at a time and wipe it.
- Return only the daily items.
- Empty or refill canisters and the soap bottle.
- Put the sponge in its holder to dry.
- Check that the coffee corner is stocked.

5. Kitchen Counter Budget

Item	Budget	Priority (1 to 3)	Bought?
Tray or riser			
Canisters or utensil crock			
Sink or coffee set			
Total			

- Start with the piece that clears the most clutter.
- Add extras one at a time as budget allows.