



KITCHEN RESET: 7 TIME-SAVING ORGANIZING TIPS





Does cooking in your kitchen take **FOREVER**? Does it **take too long to find** the pot you need to cook? Or a knife to simply chop a tomato? **Does it feel like your kitchen is off & nothing makes sense?**

Do you dream of **moving effortlessly throughout your kitchen** as you blend a delicious smoothie or get dinner for the kids ready?



Kitchens are the heart of the home. When the heartbeat is off, you know.

“My kitchen was a maze & since I cook a ton, it was **costing me a lot of time** trying to find the bowls or certain tools - it was a **frustrating** process. ...I now have a kitchen I can prep, cook, & **move about with ease.**” - Joy





Welcome to Grace!

The GRACE Process

I've got a 5-step organizing process that I use on every job -- including on my own kitchen!

G - Gather
R - Release
A- Acquire
C - Cultivate
E - Enjoy!

In this guide, we'll be in the **CULTIVATE** step! Setting up your kitchen with rhythms that work with your lifestyle & save time + pro-tips to maximize ease.



RHYTHMS & ROUTINE



Before we mix it all up, think about your current rhythms & routine in the kitchen. What are they? For example, do you have a morning routine for making your coffee & breakfast? Do you like it? Do you want to change it?

Define them. Keep what you like. Discard the ones you don't.

Pro-Tip: Zone it out! For any routines you LOVE, let's do our best to keep them by marking them with a post-it note. If you have a coffee/tea station you don't want to change, put a post it note on the cabinet for teas, mugs, filters, etc. This way you remember & are free to play Tetris with the other cabinets!

SPICE IT UP!

Let's take a look at your spices. As close to the area where you food prep or cook (stove) is ideal so you can just reach in & grab what you need easily while cooking.

Consider how many spices you have vs the size of drawers or cabinets you have to store them.



Pro-Tip: I'm a firm believer in decanting & adding simple labels so your eye can find what you're looking for fast. There's so much noise in the world! This is one area you can choose to remove noise & give yourself maximum ease. I also like to save time by placing in alphabetical order!

GLASSES, PLATES, & SERVING, OH MY!



Save time by placing glasses near where you get water & drinks for easy serving & easy refills. (Ex: refrigerator/sink) For your tea/coffee station, make sure coffee mugs are right above for easy reach.

Place plates & silverware near where you like to “plate” your food. This is usually somewhere near the dishwasher (or not too far) & near the space where you have room to plate the food you’ve cooked. Easy to plate, easy to clean & easy to put away.



Pro-Tip: Put glasses & plates used every day on the bottom shelf, next used on the middle shelf & the least used all the way at the tippy top.

SINK AREA

Near the sink is a great zone for kitchen towels, cleaning supplies, & backstock. Move kitchen towels to a drawer as close to this area as possible. It will make your life easier!



Pro-Tip: Acquire clear bins for below the sink to hold your cleaning supplies & backstock.

COOKING & BAKING



Cooking essentials like hot pads & utensils should go next to the stove & near food prep area (Ex: island or large countertop space).

For small kitchen appliances, keep the ones you use in a lower cabinet for easy access. For ones you don't use, consider donating or storing up high.

Pro-Tip: BAKING! ...and by baking I mean you're the *Great British Baking Show's* next contestant. Keep your bread tins & cookie sheets near the stove & where you prep your bakes. I like to put them in lower cabinets. If there's a cabinet above the stove, perfect. If you don't bake regularly, consider storing up high or in the very bottom shelf.

PANTRY

To save time in the pantry, use bins or baskets to store box items you don't want to decant + chips & snacks for grab & go. Use 3-tier shelves for canned goods. Put snacks higher if you don't want the kids to reach them!



Pro-Tip: Decant as much as you, time, & your budget allows. This will cut out all the product labels & noise. Label with minimalist labels that are easy to read.

SEASONAL



Seasonal items are easy! Store 'em up high out of the way. Often there's a big cabinet above your refrigerator or stove. That's a great option. The higher the better for these items, since they are only used once a year.

Pro-Tip: If you're storing seasonal towels & table decor or festive coffee mugs in the kitchen, acquire a couple of bins with lids. This way you can label the bin + the lid keeps the dust out during the rest of the year.



Bonus: Pro Kitchen Organization Picks

Click on each item to see my top picks!

DRAWERS:

- [Bamboo Drawer Dividers](#)
- [Bamboo Silverware Tray](#)
- [Bamboo Knife Tray](#)
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- [Bamboo Spice Jars + Labels](#)
- [Silver Spice Jars + Labels](#)
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Hi! I'm Melinda



Faith, Home & Family are THE most important things to me. In 2020, I opened my organizing business to help clients restore their inspiration, renew their mindset, & reclaim their space. Finding **rhythms** that help my clients **save time & function with ease** is my passion because I know it melts overwhelm & brings peace.

I love to go to the beach with my husband, hug my cat, Tango, & enjoy a great cup of tea.

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