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APPLIANCE FOCUS

LITTLE KITCHEN HEROES

A countertop appliance perfectly placed in the kitchen is an essential piece of kit you'll use again and again – here's all you need to know to make them work for your space

Words **Sally Smith**



left Smeg's Soda Maker creates up to 60 litres of sparkling water from a single screw-on canister. Set your go-to level of carbonation, from a subtle sparkle to full-on fizz, with a simple twist. Priced £149.95.

bottom This pull-out shelf in a walnut finish by Davonport is the ideal slimline breakfast station. The Tillingham range is painted in Stony Ground by Farrow & Ball. Prices start at £40,000.

WHAT TABLETOP APPLIANCES DO I NEED?

The countertop models you choose should reflect your daily routines and habits in the kitchen. If you love to bake and entertain, then a range of food preparation appliances like blenders, food processors and stand mixers will be put to good use. But if you simply need to whip up a hassle-free meal at the end of a busy day, cooking appliances such as a slow cooker and an Instant Pot will be great additions on the worktop. "If your kitchen is on the smaller side, organise your appliances in order of use and see whether you've actually got too many or don't use what you have," adds Richard Davonport, managing director at Davonport. →





WHERE SHOULD I STORE THEM?

Countertop appliances you use every day should always be easily accessible on the work surface, however those used occasionally can be stored in pantry units or on less accessible, higher shelves. Charlie Smallbone, founder of Ledbury Studio, explains, "Small appliances come in different shapes and sizes, so this is where a bespoke design is a must. We include quartz or marble worktops in larger cupboards to provide a stable surface for appliances to be used in situ, as well as creating additional preparation space." Open shelving is another option for a curated, minimalist look, helping to prevent a cluttered feel. It's also the ideal place for colourful stand mixers, which will inevitably pop against a calm background.

above Miele's countertop CM 6160 MilkPerfection bean-to-cup coffee machine in Lotus White has Wifi connectivity for remote operation and can make a range of coffees and tea. It includes a stainless-steel milk flask and can make two coffee specialties simultaneously. Priced from £1529.

right The ProCook Air Fryer Health Grill has 12 functions: air fry, roast, broil, bake, dehydrate, slow cook, grill, griddle, stew, steam, keep warm and manual. It also boasts four grill settings with adjustable time and temperature controls and an auto shut-off function. Priced £179.





above The *Magimix* 5200XL food processor has a 1100W powerful induction motor and includes a mini bowl ideal for mayonnaise and small quantities, a midi bowl for grating and slicing, and a 3.6 litre main bowl for making dough, cakes and big quantities. Priced £370.

right *Ledbury Studio's* Kensington kitchen in natural and painted oak cabinetry with a bespoke tall pantry cupboard. This conceals a built-in microwave and is designed with drawers, shelves and door racks, combined with a Statuario marble countertop. Kitchens start from £70,000.

below The *Dualit* Vortec blender and smoothie maker has a 1.5 litre capacity, a 1000W motor with stainless-steel blades, and provides multi-dimensional mixing action – it can blend fruits, vegetables, ice for smoothies, soups and more. The jug is dishwasher safe. Priced £149.



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CHARLIE SMALLBONE, founder of *Ledbury Studio*

