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Build an Epic Coffee Nook

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For many Americans, the coffee pot is top of mind after rolling out of bed. Every kitchen can benefit from a stylish and warm coffee nook. Consider adding an eye-catching station to enjoy your daily coffee and create an inviting area in an already popular room.

CHOOSE A LOCATION

A coffee nook doesn't have to be the main focus in your kitchen. Analyze the area for a

space that doesn't receive much traffic or already have a major purpose. For instance, if you frequently use a spot on your kitchen counter to cut vegetable or prepare meals, don't sacrifice it for the new station. Instead, look for a corner or hallway near the kitchen that doesn't have a specific purpose. If you can clear an area to make room for a portable table or shelf, take advantage of it. Small kitchens without a lot of extra space can still create a beauti-

ful coffee station by utilizing an underused cabinet. Consider adding a pull-out shelf so you can easily access the items as you need.

USE SUPPLIES TO PAINT A PICTURE

If you are a single-serving coffee drinker, you can take advantage of the colorful packaging the individual cups boast. Consider using a storage rack that will display them on their sides so the attractive labels will be show-

cased front and center. Another fun way to create a unique-design scheme in your coffee nook is by displaying fun and stylish mugs. Invest in affordable hooks to hang your favorite cups and add a dose of personality to your space. For extra style points, consider a coffee maker that matches your kitchen's current decor. It's easy to find these appliances in many different colors and finishes, including stainless steel.

DURING RENOVATION

If you are building a new home or completely renovating your kitchen, you have an advantage in creating the coffee nook of your dreams. You should consider designing a dedicated space to build a spacious station that works well with the room's other features.

Consider whether you want the station to be the main focus point in your kitchen or an amenity pushed out of the way.



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REAL ESTATE 101



Selling Point

A coffee nook could be a selling point if your home goes on the market. The key, however, is keeping it neutral. "The more personalized you make the space, the harder it is for potential buyers to see themselves there," cautions VKB Kitchens & Bath on its website. "So while chalkboard walls or vintage floral tapestries may be right up your alley, consider opting for popular materials like natural woods, stones, and simple fabrics."

HOMESWISE GLOSSARY

Tax abatement: a financial incentive offered by a local or municipal government to stimulate development in a particular area. The owner of the property and/or the developer has reduced taxes for a specific period of time, typically 10-15 years. The taxes are raised incrementally to the full tax burden over the period of a few years.

SOURCE: Columbia University

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