

Kitchen Stocking Stuffers

It's the holiday season, which means it's time to think about gifting! Kitchen gadgets can make great gifts. Whether they're for a Christmas stocking, Hanukkah gift, or just a new treat for yourself, here are some ideas for handy tools under \$20.

- 1. Sink caddy/sponge holder:** Sponges can sit on countertops and stay wet for days, which makes them a great home for bacteria. A sink-mounted sponge holder is an excellent choice to keep them handy and allow them to drain. Many stores sell them - look for one that has openings on the bottom to allow liquid out. This one from Oxo (\$14.99) is a good choice: <https://www.oxo.com/categories/cleaning-organization/kitchen/stronghold-suction-sink-caddy.html>.
- 2. Measuring cups:** A measuring cup (or set of cups) can be a neat gift for a new cook or just someone who hasn't replaced theirs in awhile. Pyrex makes a range of sizes (\$5.00-\$20.00) for their liquid measuring cups. Theirs are glass, too, which makes them easy to clean, dishwasher-safe, and they won't pick up smells:
<https://www.pyrexhome.com/search?qry=Measuring%20cup>.
 - a.** For dry measuring cups, look for ones that have the sizes engraved or embossed on the cups, so they won't wear off. These ones from Squish (\$9.99) are nice because they collapse down and take up less room in a drawer:
<https://www.target.com/p/squish-measuring-cup-set/-/A-78304774#lnk=sametab>.
- 3. Immersion blender:** These are handy little tools for blending smoothies, soups, and sauces! There are some pricier versions, of course, but this one from Toastmaster (on sale for \$14.99) does the job just as well and comes with its own measuring cup:
<https://www.kohls.com/product/prd-3779481/toastmaster-immersion-blender.jsp?prdPV=33>.
- 4. Citrus juicer:** Lemons and limes are essential for adding flavor to foods and beverages. A little squeeze of citrus juice in water or tea can really brighten up a beverage. Oxo makes a citrus squeezer (\$17.99) that works well for older hands, too.
<https://www.oxo.com/categories/cooking-and-baking/fruits-vegetables/fruit-and-veggie-tools/citrus-squeezer-482.html>
- 5. Can opener:** If you're like me, you can't remember the last time you replaced your can opener. While this may not be at the top of everyone's list, a can opener is a quintessential item to have in the kitchen, and a good one can make the difference between an easy opening and a possible cut from a sharp edge. This PrinChef opener (currently on sale for \$10.39) has excellent reviews and a soft handle for easy opening:
https://www.amazon.com/Handheld-No-Trouble-Lid-Lift-Openers-Effort-Saving-Handles/dp/B08JLX1332/ref=sr_1_3_sspa?crd=18EMZXLVK5MJE&keywords=can+opener&qid=1638121058&sprefix=can+ope%2Caps%2C250&sr=8-3-spons&psc=1&smid=A1YDPQLY48HFPY&spLa=ZW5jcnlwdGVkUXVhbGlmaWVyP

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Enjoy the holiday season and remember to treat yourself as well!

