

The Essential Kit

Kitchen

What a kitchen genuinely needs, and what it does not.

Enough to cook almost anything.

Knives

Chef's knife, 20 cm

Paring knife

Bread knife, serrated

A steel or whetstone

Pans

Heavy frying pan, 26 cm

Saucepan with lid, 2 L

Large pot, 5 L

Roasting tin

Tools

Two chopping boards

Wooden spoon, spatula, tongs

Digital scales

Probe thermometer

Sieve and colander

Box grater

Skip

Knife blocks of ten knives

Single-purpose gadgets

Garlic press — the knife is faster

Digital scales and a probe thermometer improve results more than any pan upgrade, and cost a fraction as much.