

# IKEA®

## Home Ideas



## Choosing kitchen appliances that work smarter

Everyone seems to have many questions about what's important when choosing kitchen appliances. This month, IKEA presents useful tips on how to choose appliances that don't just work, but work smarter.

### Tips for choosing appliances:

#### OVENS AND RANGES

**Gas vs. electric:** This is one of the first decisions to make when choosing an oven or range. Gas provides instant response, precise controllability and lower operating costs, while electric provides even heat and a lower appliance cost. Consider the types of food cooked and your budget.

**Features:** Consider daily use to determine the features needed, from self-cleaning functions, to basting and grilling functions, and automatic timers.

**Layout:** Double-stacked ovens provide plenty of capacity for baking and cooking while freeing up floor space. A separate range can create an additional cooking area on a central island.

#### REFRIGERATORS

**Efficiency:** Refrigerator energy standards have changed drastically since being mandated in 1993 and 1998. Look for a refrigerator that is Energy Star® qualified to save on energy and operating costs.

**Capacity:** Plan on 12 cubic feet of refrigerator space for two people and add 2 more cubic feet for each additional person. Space-saving features like pull-out and transparent drawers and bins make it easier to find and organize food.

**Features:** Look for features like built-in water and ice dispensers, adjustable shelves and separate temperature controls to make life easier.

#### DISHWASHERS

**Practicality:** Like refrigerators, dishwashers should be Energy Star® qualified. Besides being more hygienic than hand-washing, a dishwasher also saves water and time.

**Features:** Consider family size when determining necessary dishwasher capacity. Standard models accommodate up to ten place settings, tall tub models up to 14. Other options include energy-saving air-drying, delay timers for "off peak" energy hours and sani-rinse options which kill most germs and bacteria.

# Featured Products

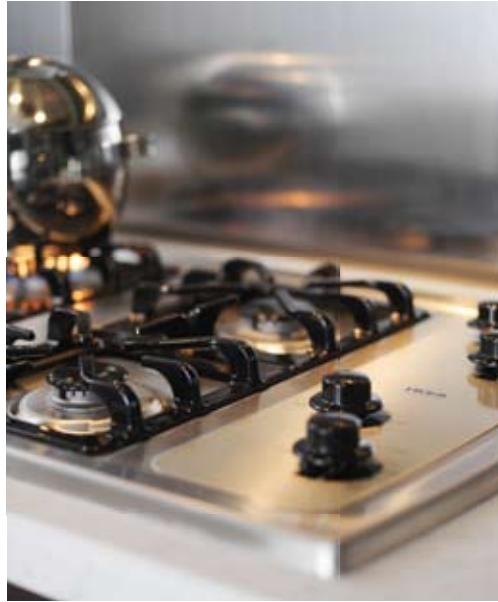


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### NUTID built-in microwave oven \$699

Stainless steel. 10 power levels. Auto cook, reheat and defrost functions. This feature-rich microwave has an auto-cook function with seven preset categories. Installation in a high cabinet provides a comfortable work height and clears countertop work space.



### ELDIG gas cooktop \$379

Four sealed burners. Removable pot support in durable cast iron. With its infinite heat settings and electric ignition with push and turn knobs, the ELDIG gas cooktop works perfectly as a second cooking space on a kitchen island.



### MUMSIG built-in double oven \$1499

This convection oven features two ovens for top and bottom heating and includes functions for grilling, pastries and self-cleaning, plus an automatic timer.



### NUTID S23 counter-depth fridge/freezer \$1399

The Energy Star® qualified NUTID fridge/freezer makes life easier with adjustable shelves, pull-out freezer basket, water filter, transparent crisper, and ice and water machine in the door. NUTID is flush with cabinets and aligned with counters for a custom look.



### LUFTIG HOO C50 exhaust hood \$499

This popular hood can be connected to ductwork for outdoor venting or with a charcoal filter for recirculation of air. Halogen bulbs illuminate the cooking surface.



### NUTID dishwasher \$649

Four cycles. Delayed start. This 24" stainless steel dishwasher is Energy Star® qualified and features a 14 place-setting capacity, air-dry option and preset timer to reduce energy consumption.

**ENERGY STAR® qualified products and practices help you save money and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. For estimated annual operating costs visit [IKEA-USA.com/appliances](http://IKEA-USA.com/appliances)**

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