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Who needs one?

Everyone can benefit from this secondary space, Matthew Quinn of Design Galleria says, citing "entertainers, procrastinators, neat freaks, Tasmanian devils, families with children, and gadget-obsessed homeowners." Just be careful about adding too much refrigeration, Quinn warnsthat can lead to frustration when you're doing a "five-minute dance trying to find the sour cream"-and make sure to include ventilation. Designer Caren Rideau of the Kitchen Design Group adds that smart organization is key for the room to function smoothly. She suggests separating food storage, appliances (small and large), and serveware to ensure everything is easily accessible.

"Aesthetic is still important. Great lighting, fun colors, gorgeous tile. Make it a room you want to be in."

-Caren Rideau

How much does it cost? In some cases, a dirty kitchen can be

as expensive as your primary kitchen since it calls for cabinetry, countertops, plumbing, and appliances, not to mention structural needs like walls and pocket doors. According to Tanya Smith-Shiflett of Unique Kitchens & Baths, a dirty kitchen can easily start at \$45,000 to \$55,000 and go up from there. She tells her clients if they're planning to stay in their home for only five to 10 years, it may not be worth the investment. What else, besides money, are you giving up? Likely square footage in another room. "I usually try to convince a client to move their main-floor laundry room upstairs or to reduce the size of a large mudroom," Laura McCroskey of McCroskey Interiors says. The reality is you have to find the space or add onto your existing structure. "If you're a neat freak who cleans as they cook, this add-on might not be necessary," McCroskey says.



SHOPPING LIST

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