

TIPS

Cheerful Props In The Kitchen

A pleasant, working kitchen is near the top of most buyers' list of priorities when buying a home. A terrific kitchen can sell a house, so any time you spend improving yours is time well spent.

Even the most modern kitchen should have some homey touches that make the room inviting, so set the scene with a few carefully selected props:

- An open cookbook
- A copper colander filled with fresh fruit or berries
- A bunch of carrots on a wooden cutting board
- A ceramic mixing bowl and wire whisk

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Make It Seem
More Inviting*

You should also fill your kitchen with a rich scent that will appeal to the buyers. Here's a stove-top mix guaranteed to have buyers longing to whip up a batch of cookies in your oven:

Granny's Aromatic Scent

1 whole nutmeg
5 cinnamon sticks
1 tablespoon whole allspice
1 tablespoon whole cloves

Halve the nutmeg and add all ingredients to 3 cups water in a saucepan. Bring to a boil, then lower to simmer.

In the heat of summer, when the scents of baking bread and simmering cinnamon may seem a bit too heavy, a bowl of lemons on the counter will provide a fresh and pleasant aroma. Or, simplest of all, just brew a pot of coffee before buyers arrive. Its hearty scent appeals to almost everyone, even non-coffee drinkers.