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## Spice Trade

Swap your messy stash of bottles and shakers for one of our smart storage strategies. They put flavor at your fingertips.

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### Pick three

Parking your three favorite spices next to the stove full-time makes cooking quicker. Just remember: The efficiency comes from having only a couple of indispensable spices out, not your whole collection. Light, heat, and moisture are the enemies of freshness, so choose opaque containers for this purpose. And don't store them on top of the stove or shake them over a hot pot; the steam could cause clumping and spoilage.

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# Spice

**Good to go**

Save time and steps when you bake: Store bottles of spices and extracts, baking powder, and soda in a high-sided tray, basket, or bin, so you can tote the whole thing to the counter. Unlike a spice rack, this approach lets you store items of different sizes together. When you open a new spice, write its expiration date on the bottle—one year for ground, two for whole.



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