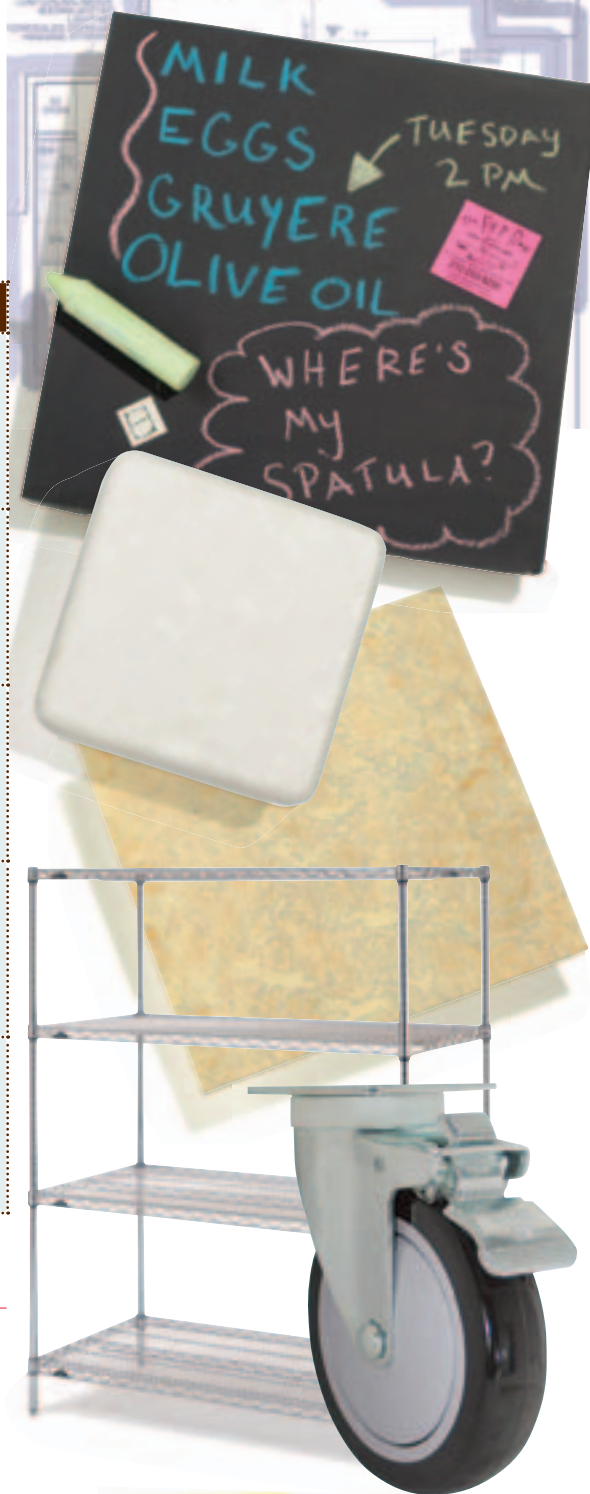


Rough and Ready

We get to live every cook's dream: to build a new kitchen! Here's how we customized our digs.

Challenge	Solution
<p>BUSY SCHEDULES We need a way to communicate with each other and remember ingredients, menus, dates, names and numbers.</p>	<p>CHALKBOARD PAINT Together with magnetic primer, this ingenious paint turns any surface into an instant message board—just add chalk and magnets! (rustoleum.com for stores)</p>
<p>COUNTERTOP WEAR AND TEAR The counters have to stand up to heavy use (and, of course, some messy spills).</p>	<p>CORIAN Solid synthetic marble is chip-resistant and nonporous—stains and mildew won't penetrate the surface. (corian.com for stores)</p>
<p>TIRED FEET Our food team spends long days in the kitchen, so the floor must be easy on the feet.</p>	<p>LINOLEUM This old standby is made from all-natural materials, including cushiony cork. (themarmoleumstore.com for stores)</p>
<p>EQUIPMENT OVERFLOW We need a place to store our pots, pans and tools, but we also want to see and reach everything instantly.</p>	<p>OPEN WIRE SHELVING Heavy-duty open shelving is sturdy and allows easy access from all sides. Shelf heights can be customized for any storage needs. (metro.com for stores)</p>
<p>TOO MANY COOKS Work space is at a premium; we have to maximize every inch.</p>	<p>LOCKABLE CASTERS Wheels turn any butcher block into a portable workstation, and the locking feature keeps it secure. (castercity.com)</p>



THE ARCHITECT

When we found a space for our New York City test kitchen, we called in an expert: an architect who loves to cook and has tons of smart kitchen ideas. With her help, we'll be developing and testing *Every Day with Rachael Ray* recipes here in just a few months.

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FAVORITE EVERY DAY RECIPE "Rachael's Wellington Burger (rachaelraymag.com) inspired a luxurious meatloaf."

HEY YOU! We want to help you turn your kitchen around! Tell us about a problem you need solved at rachaelraymag.com/kitchenfix. Letters and submissions may be edited and used in all print and electronic media.

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