

First Apartment Shopping List

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A free 4-section printable from RenderedbyDesign. Cookware, bath, cleaning, utility. Every item with retailer picks at every price tier.

This is not a grocery list. This is the shopping list of everything else: pots, pans, towels, trash bags, spray bottles, a toolkit. The stuff that turns an empty apartment into a functioning one without blowing your week-one budget.

Section 1: Kitchen Essentials

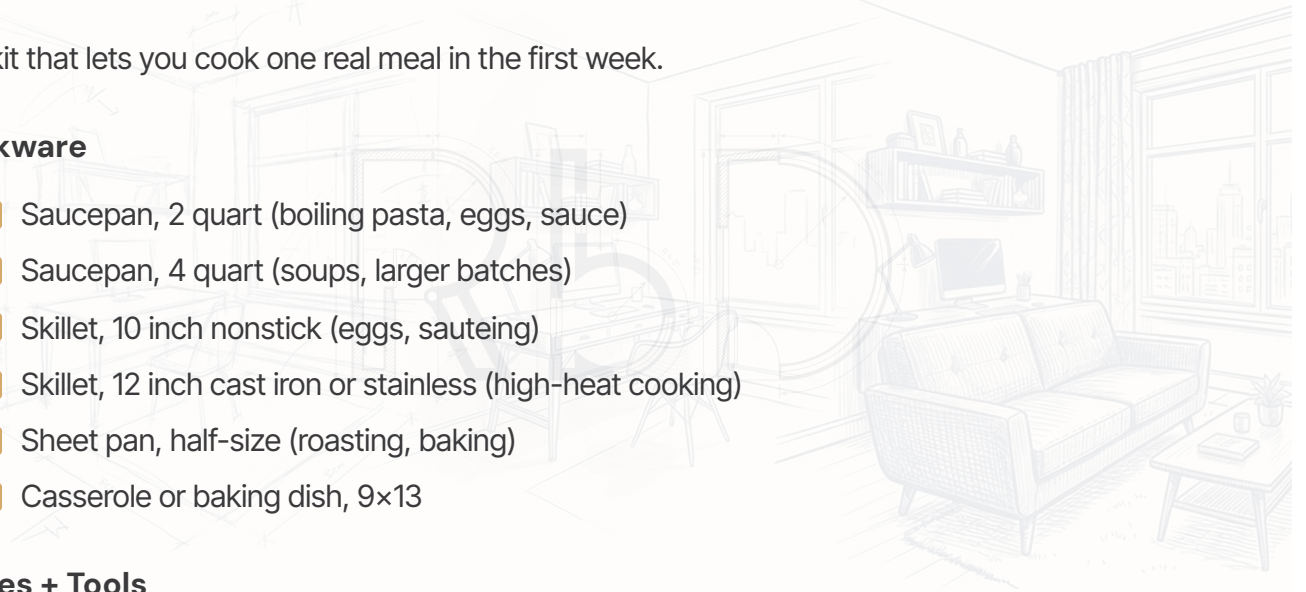
The kit that lets you cook one real meal in the first week.

Cookware

- Saucepan, 2 quart (boiling pasta, eggs, sauce)
- Saucepan, 4 quart (soups, larger batches)
- Skillet, 10 inch nonstick (eggs, sauteing)
- Skillet, 12 inch cast iron or stainless (high-heat cooking)
- Sheet pan, half-size (roasting, baking)
- Casserole or baking dish, 9×13

Knives + Tools

- Chef knife, 8 inch
- Paring knife, 3 inch
- Cutting board, large wood
- Cutting board, plastic for raw meat
- Mixing bowls, 3 nesting (small, medium, large)
- Spatula (silicone)
- Tongs (12 inch)
- Wooden spoon
- Slotted spoon
- Whisk



- Can opener
- Vegetable peeler
- Measuring cups + spoons set
- Liquid measuring cup, 2 cup

Tabletop + Storage

- Plates, 4 dinner + 4 salad
- Bowls, 4 standard + 4 wide for pasta
- Glasses, 6 (mix of water + wine)
- Mugs, 4
- Flatware set, 4 settings
- Storage containers, 10 to 12 (mix of sizes, glass and plastic)
- Dish rack
- Dish towels, 4 cotton
- Pot holders, 2 silicone
- Trivets, 2

Pantry Containers

- Salt + pepper grinders
- Olive oil + vinegar bottles
- Spice starter kit (10 to 12 staples)
- Sealable food storage (rice, pasta, flour, sugar)

Section 1 spend: \$200 to \$500 depending on tier.

Section 2: Bathroom Essentials

Day-one bath kit plus the layering pieces for week one.

Day-One Bath

- Shower curtain (fabric)
- Shower curtain liner (vinyl or PEVA)
- Shower hooks (12-pack)
- Bath mat

- Hand soap dispenser
- Toilet paper, 12-pack
- Plunger
- Toilet brush
- Trash can with lid

Towels + Linens

- Bath towels, 4
- Hand towels, 4
- Washcloths, 6
- Bath robe (optional)

Storage

- Over-toilet storage shelf
- Shower caddy
- Toothbrush holder
- Drawer organizers

First-Aid + Personal Care

- First-aid kit
- Hand soap refills
- Backup toiletries (toothpaste, deodorant, etc.)

Section 2 spend: \$80 to \$250.

Section 3: Cleaning Supplies

The kit that keeps the apartment from looking like a college dorm by month two.

Cleaning Tools

- Vacuum (cordless or upright)
- Broom + dustpan
- Mop (microfiber preferred)
- Bucket
- Microfiber cloths, 12-pack

- Sponges, dish + multi-surface
- Squeegee for shower glass
- Scrub brush

Cleaning Products

- All-purpose spray cleaner
- Glass cleaner
- Wood polish or all-purpose furniture cleaner
- Bathroom cleaner with bleach
- Toilet bowl cleaner
- Tub + tile cleaner
- Stainless steel cleaner (if applicable)
- Dish soap, refillable bottle
- Dishwasher detergent (if applicable)
- Laundry detergent
- Stain remover spray

Trash + Recycling

- Trash bags, 13-gallon
- Trash bags, smaller for bath + bedroom
- Recycling bin, secondary
- Trash can with lid for kitchen

Section 3 spend: \$80 to \$200.

Section 4: Utility + Tech + Tools

The "I cannot believe I forgot this" list.

Tools

- Hammer
- Screwdriver set (Phillips + flathead, multi-bit)
- Allen key set
- Adjustable wrench

- Tape measure
- Level
- Stud finder
- Utility knife
- Pliers
- Safety scissors

Tech

- Power strips with surge protection (3 minimum)
- Extension cords (one short, one long)
- Outlet adapters (USB-C wall)
- Phone charger backup
- HDMI cable
- Surge-protected smart plug, 2-pack
- WiFi router (if not provided)
- Smoke detector battery backup
- Carbon monoxide alarm (rental code-required in most cities)

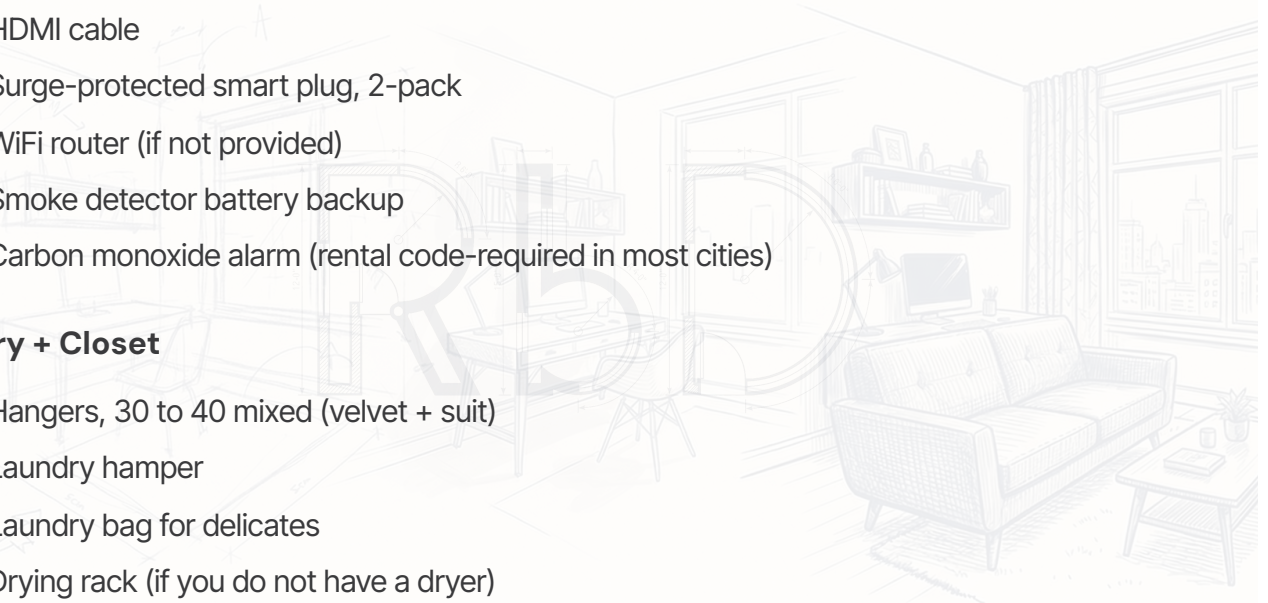
Laundry + Closet

- Hangers, 30 to 40 mixed (velvet + suit)
- Laundry hamper
- Laundry bag for delicates
- Drying rack (if you do not have a dryer)
- Iron + ironing board (small fold-flat is fine)

Doorway + Entry

- Door mat
- Coat hooks
- Key bowl or hook
- Umbrella stand or umbrella

Section 4 spend: \$100 to \$300.



Total Spend Across All Sections

- Tier 1 (value): \$460 to \$1,000
- Tier 2 (mid): \$700 to \$1,500
- Tier 3 (aspirational): \$1,200 to \$2,000

Combined with Day-One essentials, expect to spend \$750 to \$2,000 in the first 30 days outside of furniture.

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