

# COOKWARE MATERIALS:



## THE BASICS



Cookware is a staple piece for any kitchen and something that's used on a daily basis meaning you need a product that is not only fit for purpose, but also durable and easy to maintain. It's essential to first consider material as this will determine which pan is right for you.

### STAINLESS STEEL

**PERFECT FOR:** Braising, sautéing, searing and making sauces.

#### PROS

- Incredibly durable
- Low cost
- Non-reactive making it versatile

#### CONS

- Poor heat conduction
- Can't be cleaned with harsh abrasives
- Surface can be easily scratched



### ALUMINIUM

**PERFECT FOR:** Searing and frying.

#### PROS

- Superior heat conductivity
- Rust resistant
- Low cost and lightweight

#### CONS

- Reacts with acidic food
- Not usually induction compatible
- Can warp with high heat



### CAST IRON

**PERFECT FOR:** Searing and browning meats, stove to oven cooking, frying and simmering.

#### PROS

- Retains heat for long periods of time
- Naturally non-stick when seasoned
- Incredibly durable and inexpensive

#### CONS

- Heavy to handle
- Will rust if not seasoned properly
- Reactive to acidic foods



### NON STICK

**PERFECT FOR:** Searing and frying delicate foods such as eggs and fish.

#### PROS

- Ensures an even cook
- Easy to clean and wipe away after use
- Little to no oil is needed to grease the pan

#### CONS

- Metal utensils can ruin coating
- Can't be used with extreme high heat
- Generally don't last as long as other materials



### COPPER

**PERFECT FOR:** Boiling, steaming, sautéing and braising.

#### PROS

- The best heat conductor
- No hotspots
- Professional look

#### CONS

- Requires polishing to maintain shine
- Expensive
- Not induction compatible



### ENAMELLED CAST IRON

**PERFECT FOR:** Boiling, steaming, sautéing and braising.

#### PROS

- Doesn't require seasoning
- Great heat conduction and retention
- Durable and good with high heat

#### CONS

- More expensive than cast iron
- No non-stick coating
- Very heavy

