

cook's essentials™

HOT AIR CORN POPPER

Instruction Manual



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IMPORTANT SAFEGUARDS



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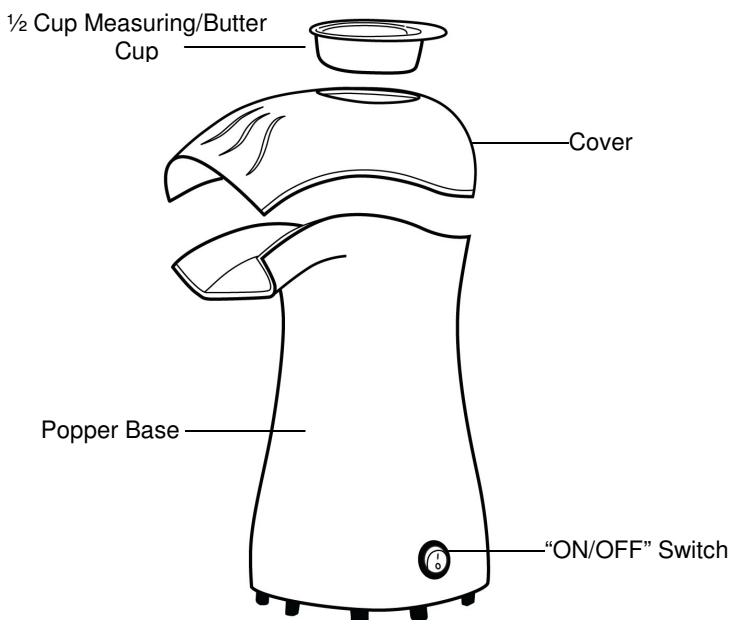
To prevent personal injury or property damage, read and follow all instructions and warnings.

When using electrical appliances, basic safety precautions should always be followed including:

- Read all instructions, including these important safeguards and the care and use instructions in this manual.
- Do not touch hot surfaces. Use handles or knobs and hot pads or oven mitts. Cover and measuring/butter cup become hot during operation.
- Always unplug from outlet when not in use and before cleaning. Allow to cool before putting on or taking off parts and before cleaning.
- Close supervision is necessary when this appliance is used by or near children.
- Do not operate any appliance with a damaged cord or plug, after the appliance malfunctions, or has been damaged in any manner. For service information see warranty page.
- The use of accessory attachments not recommended by the manufacturer may cause injuries.
- Do not use this appliance outdoors.
- Do not let cord hang over the edge of the table or counter, or touch hot surfaces.
- Do not place on or near a hot gas or electric burner, or in a heated oven.
- To disconnect, turn any control to "OFF," then remove plug from wall outlet.
- Do not use appliance for other than intended use.
- To protect against electric shock, do not immerse cord, plugs, or other electric parts in water or other liquids.
- Do not attempt to repair this appliance yourself.
- A popper that is plugged into an outlet should not be left unattended.
- This popper will not shut off automatically. To avoid overheating, add popcorn kernels before operating.
- A short power-supply cord is provided to reduce risks resulting from becoming entangled in or tripping over a longer cord.
- Longer extension cords are available, but care must be exercised in their use. While use of an extension cord is not recommended, if you must use one, ensure that the marked electrical rating of the extension cord is equal to or greater than that of the appliance. If the plug is of the grounded type, the extension cord must be a grounding-type 3-wire cord. To avoid pulling, tripping or entanglement, position the extension cord so that it does not hang over the edge of the counter, table or other area where it can be pulled on by children or tripped over.

- This appliance has a polarized plug (one blade is wider than the other). To reduce the risk of electric shock, this plug is intended to fit into a polarized outlet only one way. If the plug does not fit fully into the outlet, reverse the plug. If it still does not fit, contact a qualified electrician. Do not attempt to modify the plug in any way.
- Do not use an outlet or extension cord if the plug fits loosely or if the outlet or extension cord feels hot.
- During use, do not remove cover. Do not remove cover or measuring/butter cup from the appliance until you have not heard a kernel pop for at least 1 minute.
- **For household use only.**

SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS



BEFORE USING FOR THE FIRST TIME

Wash the popper cover and measuring/butter cup with warm, soapy water. Rinse thoroughly and dry. Wipe the exterior of the popper base and popcorn chute with a soft, damp cloth and dry. It is not necessary to clean inside the popcorn chamber.

Note: DO NOT immerse the popper base in water or any other liquid. Once removed, the measuring/butter cup and cover can be washed in a dishwasher, top rack only. **DO NOT** put the popper base into the dishwasher. This will permanently damage the product and will void the warranty.

USING YOUR COOK'S ESSENTIALS HOT AIR POPPER

This popper uses hot air to pop the corn. DO NOT place anything other than popcorn kernels into the popping chamber.

1. Remove the cover and measuring/butter cup. Ensure that the vents are clear of popcorn pieces before each use. Use the measuring/butter cup, or a standard measuring cup, to measure a level $\frac{1}{2}$ cup of popcorn kernels. **DO NOT** attempt to pop more than $\frac{2}{3}$ cup of popcorn kernels at one time.
2. Pour popcorn kernels into the popping chamber. **DO NOT** put oil, butter, shortening, salt, or anything other than popcorn into the chamber. Place the cover in position, then place the measuring/butter cup into the cover.
3. If buttered popcorn is desired, place 2-3 tablespoons of room temperature butter, cut into 4 equally sized pats, into the measuring/butter cup. **Note:** Do not use refrigerated butter as it will not melt completely in the short popping cycle. **DO NOT** remove the measuring/butter cup during the popping cycle. If unbuttered popcorn is desired, it is still necessary to place the measuring/butter cup into the cover. **Never run the cook's essentials hot air popper without the cover and measuring/butter cup in place.**
4. Place a 4 quart, or larger, heat-resistant bowl below the popcorn chute to collect popcorn as it pops. $\frac{1}{2}$ cup of popcorn kernels will yield between 3 and 4 quarts of popped popcorn.
5. Plug the cord into a 120 volt, AC outlet ONLY. With the cover and measuring/butter cup in place, press the "ON/OFF" switch to the on position, toward the "I" symbol.
6. Popcorn will begin to pop, and the cycle will be done within 3 to 4 minutes. After popcorn has completed popping, turn the "ON/OFF" switch to the off position, the "O" symbol. Popcorn cycle has completed when there is a gap of 5 seconds between kernels popping. Unplug the popper from the outlet. Let the popper sit, with the lid and measuring/butter cup in place, for at least one minute after completion of the popping cycle. Unpopped kernels may still pop unexpectedly. Use caution when handling the cook's essentials hot air popper, it **will** be hot after popping cycle. Always use hot pads or oven mitts to handle the hot appliance.
7. If butter was melted in the measuring/butter cup, pour over the top of the popped corn and sprinkle with salt or other popcorn seasonings as desired.
8. If you wish to pop more batches of popcorn immediately, remove any unpopped kernels and loose popcorn from the popper by inverting the popper. Use oven mitts or hot pads when handling the hot popper. If butter was melted in the butter cup, clean and dry the measuring/butter cup and replace in the cover. Repeat steps 1-7 above.
 - A small amount of smoke and/or odor may occur upon heating due to the release of manufacturing oils – this is normal.
 - Some minor expansion/contraction sounds may occur during heating and cooling – this is normal.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Always use fresh popcorn. Dried out, stale, or old popcorn pops poorly as it has lost its moisture content and may scorch.
- This popcorn popper can accommodate both regular and premium popcorns. Premium and gourmet popcorns do not yield results as good as regular popcorn. If premium or gourmet popcorn is used, you may notice an increase in the number of unpopped kernels.
- This popper pops using hot air. It does not require any oils or fats to pop the corn, and they should never be used in the popper. **DO NOT** use microwave popcorn.
- If popcorn does not pop, it is usually the result of environmental factors such as the freshness and moisture content of the popcorn, or variances by popcorn type. Unpopped kernels do not necessarily indicate a defect in the appliance.
- To use the cord wrap, wind the cord around the post at the bottom of the appliance for easy, tangle-free storage.

CLEANING YOUR COOK'S ESSENTIALS HOT AIR POPPER

Your cook's essentials hot air popper may be cleaned after every use. **Note:** Do not immerse the popper base in water or any other liquid. Do not use any abrasive cleansers or scrubbers on any part of the popper.

1. Unplug the appliance from the electrical outlet. **Allow the entire appliance to cool, with measuring/butter cup in place, before cleaning.**
2. Remove the cover and measuring/butter cup from the popper base. Separate the cover and measuring/butter cup. Wash in warm, soapy water. Rinse and dry thoroughly. The measuring/butter cup and cover may be washed in a dishwasher, top rack only.
3. Use a soft, damp cloth to wipe the exterior of the popper and the popcorn chute. **DO NOT** wipe inside the popping chamber. Check during every cleaning that no pieces of popcorn are lodged into the vents; ensure that the vents are clear before each use.

This appliance has no user serviceable parts.

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