



Things You Need For Your First Apartment: The Ultimate Checklist

Entrance Area

- Welcome mat (for outside the door)
- Small area rug (for just inside the door)
- Wall hooks for jackets, keys, etc.
- Lamp, if there's no other light source by the door
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Living room

- Couch, chairs, or other things to sit on
- Coffee table
- Bookshelves
- Television
- Stand for TV
- Artwork
- Lamp(s)
- _____

Kitchen

- Food!
- Silverware
- Silverware organizer (drawer insert)
- Dishes (e.g. plates, glasses, mugs, bowls, serving platters, etc.)
- Trash and recycling cans
- Pots and pans
- Oven mitts
- Pancake flipper
- Dish towels
- Dish drying rack
- Measuring cups and spoons
- Mixing bowls
- Bottle opener
- Plastic containers for food storage (e.g. Tupperware)
- Rolls of aluminum foil, wax paper, and plastic wrap
- Paper to line cupboards and shelves
- Zip-top plastic bags of various sizes
- Cutting boards
- Toaster or toaster oven

- Microwave
- Coffee maker
- Kettle or hotpot
- Ice cube trays
- Blender
- Hand mixer
- Can opener
- Sharp knives
- Serving spoons
- Colander
- Dish soap and sponges/scrubbers
- Trash can
- Small area rug
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Dining area

- Table and chairs
- Tablecloth or placemats
- Napkins
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Bathroom

- Shower curtain (and rings to hold it up)
- Bath mat (s)
- Shower caddy
- Toothbrush
- Toiletries (e.g. bath soap, hand soap, shampoo, lotion, etc.)
- Toilet paper
- Toilet brush
- Toilet plunger
- Air freshener
- Tissues
- Trash can
- Over-the-door towel hook
- Towels (bath and hand) and washcloths
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Bedroom

- Bed
- Pillows
- Mattress and box spring
- Mattress pad
- Sheets and comforter
- Night stand
- Lamp
- Dresser
- Hangers

- Hamper
- Trash can
- Curtains
- Alarm clock
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Miscellaneous

- Cleaning supplies (e.g. rags, paper towels, sprays)
- Laundry soap, fabric softener, stain remover (e.g. Shout) and a jar of quarters for laundry
- Trash bags
- Vacuum cleaner
- Small broom and dustpan
- Extension cords
- Surge strips
- Large plastic bins or other storage
- Pens
- Paper (for grocery lists, doodles, etc.)
- Flashlight(s)
- Batteries of various types, including backups for your flashlight
- Emergency Kit
- Light bulbs
- First aid kit
- Carbon monoxide alarm