12 Off-Counter Kitchen Decor Spots

Save your counters for cookies with these zero-footprint vertical holiday accents.

Keep your workspaces completely clear for holiday baking. Measure your specific kitchen features first to gather the exact ribbon lengths and hardware quantities you need.



Key Decor Measurements

24 in
Standard starting ribbon drop length

1.5 in
Width of flat-backed velvet ribbon

1 in
Inside hook placement below top edge

min 12 in
Twine clearance above the faucet handle

1/4 in
Thickness for baking dried orange slices

max 1 in
Lower drawer ribbon tail maximum length

Test Your Door Clearance

Before committing to your upside-down hook placement, test the swing of your cabinet door. Ensure the hardware clears adjacent doors and ceiling moldings when fully open.

Weekend Installation Plan

1. **Saturday: Upper Decor** Hang the upper cabinet garlands and door wreaths first while you have the most energy.
2. **Sunday: Lower Decor** Finish the window tension rod and lower drawer pulls the next day to prevent arm fatigue.
3. **January: Quick Storage** Label a single storage bin specifically for these vertical elements to make next year's installation fast.

Measure Before You Shop

- ○ Interior width of your sink window frame for the tension rod
- ○ Count every upper cabinet door for hook and wreath quantities
- ○ Drop from cabinet top to your desired wreath height
- ○ Linear run of upper cabinets to buy correct garland lengths
- ○ Check hook weight ratings on packaging for your specific wreaths
- ○ Prep mounting spots and pulls with rubbing alcohol or degreaser

Spots 1-6: Upper Cabinets

- ☐ Top dust-cap: Clear adhesive hooks and green floral wire
- ☐ Crown edge: 9-foot wired pine garland overlapping 6 inches
- ☐ Faux branches: 6-inch fresh rosemary sprigs tucked every foot
- ☐ Door interior: Clear adhesive hook flipped upside down
- ☐ Door exterior: Mini wreath spanning one-third door width
- ☐ Wreath top: Pre-tied bow on your measured velvet drop

Choose Your Garland Base

Find your row: **Cabinet top style**

Cabinet top style	Your pick	Why
Gripping upper cabinet edges	Wired Pine	High flexibility to bend securely
Flat architectural tops	Grapevine	Low flexibility for structural spaces
Softly draping down sides	Cedar	Medium flexibility for soft cascades

Spots 7-12: Shelves & Lowers

- ☐ Open shelf back: Stack of 4 to 6 red plates
- ☐ Open shelf side: Glass jars of white baking staples
- ☐ Sink window: Slim 24-to-36-inch tension rod inside frame
- ☐ Window rod: 5 to 7 dried orange slices on twine
- ☐ Window rod: Small faux pine sprigs tied with twine
- ☐ Lower pulls: Metal cookie cutters on 8-inch red satin

Shopping Notes

Enjoy a beautifully festive kitchen with plenty of room for all your holiday baking!