

The Best Kitchen Trash Cans We've Ever Tested

They're functional, and they look good, too.

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Every kitchen needs a trash can, but if you want to keep smells at bay *and* have it blend in with your existing decor, any old trash can won't do. Freestanding waste bins have become a stylish home addition in recent years, with manufacturers providing many size, shape, and color options. Others even include separate compartments for recycling and compost or have special features, like touchless lids, odor-absorbing pods, proprietary trash bags, and child locks.

To help you find the best trash can for your kitchen, we tested 20 of the most popular options out there and narrowed it down to the top eight. We also spoke with two experts—[Craig Hoareau](#), owner of [A Tidy Mind](#) professional organizing and decluttering services in London, and [Heidi Solomon](#), Boston-based professional organizer and interior decorator—about what to look for when shopping for this necessary household item.

Our Top Picks

BEST OVERALL:

SALE [simplehuman Rectangular Step Can with Liner Pocket at Amazon](#) | ~~\$180~~ \$140

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BEST BUDGET:

SALE [FDW 13 Gallon Kitchen Step Trash Can at Amazon](#) | ~~\$74~~ \$30

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BEST TOUCHLESS:

SALE [NINESTARS DZT-50-28 13 Gallon Touchless Motion Sensor Trash Can at Amazon](#) | ~~\$70~~ \$59

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BEST PLASTIC:

[Rubbermaid 13-Gallon Premier Series II Trash Can at Amazon](#) | \$56

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BEST SPACE SAVING:

[Simplehuman 12 Gallon Slim Hands-Free Kitchen Step Trash Can at Amazon](#) | \$100

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BEST WITH REMOVABLE BIN:

[Amazon Basics 50 Liter / 13.2 Gallon Trash Can with Foot Pedal at Amazon](#) | \$86

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BEST DUAL COMPARTMENT:

[Simplehuman Dual Compartment Recycler at Amazon](#) | \$200

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BEST DESIGN:

[Brabantia Bo Touch Top Dual Compartment Recycling Trash Can at Amazon](#) | \$234

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