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Mainstays 1/4 Measuring Cup User Manual

Introduction

This manual provides essential information for the safe and effective use of your Mainstays 1/4 Measuring Cup. Please read these instructions thoroughly before first use and retain for future reference.

Safety Information

- Always handle with care.
- Keep out of reach of children when not in use.
- Do not expose to extreme heat sources beyond typical kitchen use.
- This product is intended for measuring food ingredients only.

Product Overview

The Mainstays 1/4 Measuring Cup is designed for precise measurement of small liquid and dry ingredients. It features clear markings for various units.



Figure 1: Front view of the Mainstays 1/4 Measuring Cup, highlighting the measurement scales.

Key features include:

- **Capacity:** 1/4 cup, 4 tablespoons, 2 fluid ounces, or 60 mL.
- **Clear Markings:** Easy-to-read measurements on both the inside and outside of the cup.
- **Ergonomic Handle:** Designed for comfortable grip.
- **Material:** BPA-free plastic.



Figure 2: The measuring cup shown with a quarter for scale, illustrating its compact size.

Setup and First Use

1. **Unpack:** Carefully remove the measuring cup from its packaging.
2. **Wash:** Before first use, wash the measuring cup thoroughly with warm, soapy water. Rinse completely and dry.
3. **Inspect:** Check for any signs of damage or manufacturing defects. If any are found, do not use the product and contact customer support.

Operating Instructions

This measuring cup is designed for accurate measurement of small quantities. It features markings for cups, tablespoons (tbs), fluid ounces (oz), and milliliters (mL).

Measuring Liquids

1. Place the measuring cup on a flat, level surface.
2. Pour the liquid ingredient into the cup.
3. Bend down to eye level with the measuring cup to read the measurement accurately at the bottom of the meniscus (the curved surface of the liquid).
4. Ensure the liquid reaches the desired marking for cups, tablespoons, or fluid ounces.



Figure 3: Detailed view of the measurement markings for precise liquid measurement.

Measuring Dry Ingredients (Small Amounts)

1. Spoon the dry ingredient into the measuring cup.
2. Use a straight edge (like the back of a knife or a leveling tool) to level off the top of the ingredient, ensuring it is flush with the desired measurement line.
3. For very small amounts, use the tablespoon markings for accuracy.

Maintenance and Care

- **Cleaning:** The Mainstays 1/4 Measuring Cup is dishwasher safe. For best results and to prolong its life, place it on the top rack of your dishwasher. Alternatively, wash by hand with warm, soapy water and a soft sponge.
- **Storage:** Store in a dry place, away from direct sunlight and extreme temperatures. Its compact size allows for storage in drawers or utensil holders.
- **Material:** Made from BPA-free plastic, ensuring safety for food contact.

Troubleshooting

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution

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Difficulty reading markings	Poor lighting or viewing angle.	Ensure adequate lighting. Read measurements at eye level on a flat surface.
Inaccurate measurements	Not leveling dry ingredients; not reading liquid meniscus correctly.	For dry ingredients, level off with a straight edge. For liquids, read at eye level from the bottom of the meniscus.
Product appears damaged	Manufacturing defect or damage during shipping/handling.	Do not use. Contact customer support for assistance.

Specifications

- **Brand:** Mainstay
- **Model Number:** 1
- **Capacity:** 4 ounces (1/4 cup, 4 tablespoons, 60 mL)
- **Color:** Black (handle) / Clear (cup)
- **Material:** BPA-Free Plastic
- **Item Weight:** 1 Ounce
- **Package Dimensions:** 3.62 x 3.39 x 2.44 inches
- **UPC:** 076753333375, 793842068085
- **Dishwasher Safe:** Yes

Warranty and Support

For questions regarding your Mainstays 1/4 Measuring Cup, or for information on potential warranty coverage, please contact the retailer or manufacturer directly. Keep your purchase receipt as proof of purchase.

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