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Model: 7

## INTRODUCTION

This manual provides essential instructions for the safe and effective use and maintenance of your Mainstays 7-Piece Cookware Set. Please read this manual thoroughly before first use and retain it for future reference.

## PRODUCT OVERVIEW

Your Mainstays 7-Piece Cookware Set includes the following items:

- 1-quart saucepan with lid
- 2-quart saucepan with lid
- 5-quart Dutch oven with lid
- 8-inch skillet
- Total of 3 lids (one for each saucepan and the Dutch oven)

The cookware features durable aluminum bodies with non-stick interiors for easy food release and cleanup. Lids are made of tempered glass with comfortable handles.

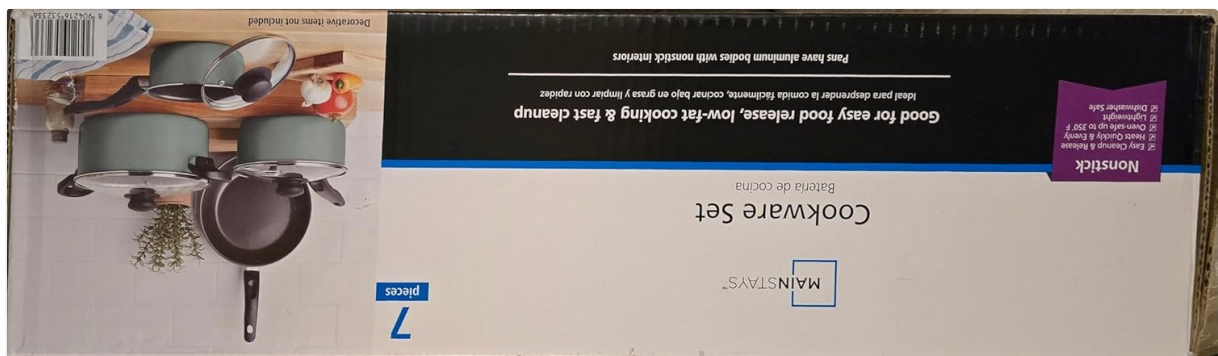


Image: The Mainstays 7-Piece Cookware Set, showcasing the various pots, pans, and lids included in the package. The

items are arranged to display their sizes and features.

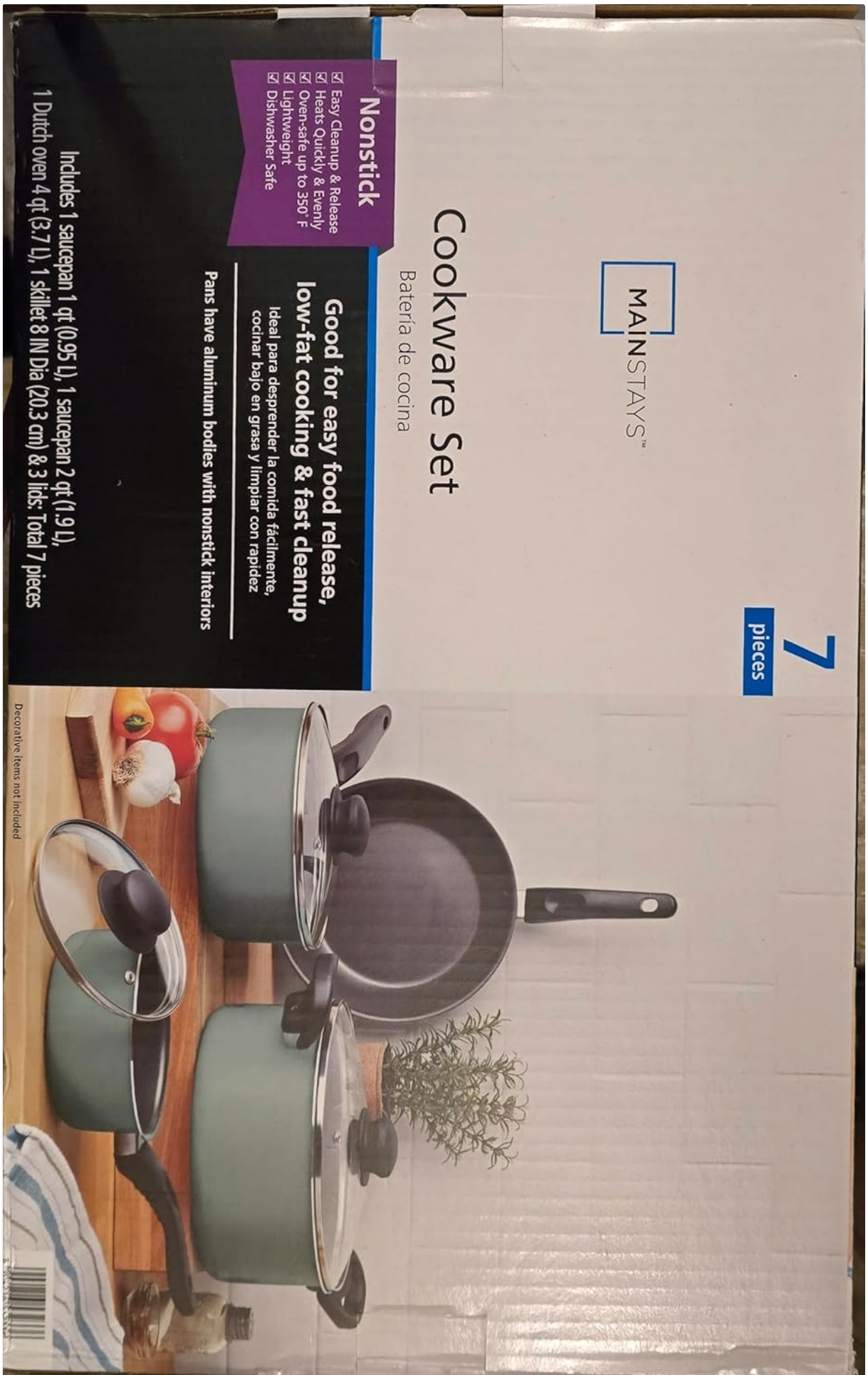


Image: The Mainstays 7-Piece Cookware Set as it appears in its retail packaging, highlighting the brand and key features

like non-stick coating and included pieces.

## SETUP AND FIRST USE

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1. **Unpack:** Carefully remove all cookware pieces and lids from their packaging.
2. **Wash:** Before first use, wash all pieces in warm, soapy water. Rinse thoroughly and dry completely.
3. **Season (Optional, but Recommended for Longevity):** For non-stick surfaces, lightly coat the interior of each pan with a small amount of cooking oil (e.g., vegetable oil or canola oil). Heat the pan over low heat for 30 seconds, then remove from heat and wipe off excess oil with a paper towel. This helps to condition the non-stick surface.
4. **Inspect:** Check all handles and lids for secure attachment.

## OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

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### General Cooking Guidelines:

- **Heat Settings:** Use low to medium heat for most cooking. High heat can damage the non-stick coating and cause food to burn. The aluminum construction ensures even heat distribution.
- **Utensils:** To protect the non-stick surface, use only plastic, silicone, or wooden utensils. Avoid metal utensils, which can scratch the coating.
- **Oil/Butter:** While the non-stick surface allows for cooking with minimal oil, a small amount can enhance flavor and browning.
- **Lids:** The tempered glass lids allow you to monitor cooking progress without lifting, helping to retain heat and moisture. The lids also feature a small vent to release steam.
- **Oven Use:** This cookware is oven safe up to 350°F (175°C). Ensure handles are suitable for oven temperatures.
- **Stovetop Compatibility:** Suitable for gas, electric, and ceramic stovetops. *Not compatible with induction cooktops.*

### Safety Precautions:

- Always use oven mitts or pot holders when handling hot cookware.
- Do not leave cookware unattended on a hot stovetop.
- Keep children away from the cooking area.
- Avoid sudden temperature changes, such as placing a hot pan under cold water, as this can cause warping or damage.

## CARE AND MAINTENANCE

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### Cleaning:

- **Hand Washing:** For best results and to prolong the life of the non-stick coating, hand wash with warm, soapy water and a soft sponge or cloth.
- **Dishwasher Safe:** This cookware is dishwasher safe, but frequent dishwasher use may reduce the lifespan of the non-stick coating over time.
- **Stubborn Food:** If food is stuck, fill the pan with warm, soapy water and let it soak for 15-20 minutes before cleaning. Do not use abrasive cleaners, steel wool, or scouring pads.
- **Lids:** Glass lids can be washed by hand or in the dishwasher.

### Storage:

- Allow cookware to cool completely before storing.
- To prevent scratching the non-stick surface when stacking, place a soft cloth or paper towel between pans.
- The pots and pans are designed to nest for compact storage.

## TROUBLESHOOTING

Problem	Possible Cause / Solution
Food sticking to the pan.	<b>Cause:</b> High heat, insufficient oil, or damaged non-stick coating. <b>Solution:</b> Use lower heat settings. Ensure a small amount of oil is used. Avoid metal utensils. If coating is severely damaged, consider replacing the pan.
Handles becoming loose.	<b>Cause:</b> Regular use or heat expansion. <b>Solution:</b> Periodically check and tighten screws on handles if applicable. Do not overtighten.
Cookware warping.	<b>Cause:</b> Extreme temperature changes (e.g., hot pan into cold water) or prolonged high heat. <b>Solution:</b> Always allow cookware to cool gradually before washing. Use low to medium heat for cooking.

## SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Detail
Model Number	7
Material	Aluminum body, Non-stick coating, Glass lids
Color	Black (interior), Blue/Green (exterior - based on images, though spec says Black)
Number of Pieces	7 (1-qt saucepan, 2-qt saucepan, 5-qt Dutch oven, 8-in skillet, 3 lids)
Oven Safe Temperature	Up to 350°F (175°C)
Dishwasher Safe	Yes
Induction Compatible	No
Item Weight	5 Pounds

## WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

For information regarding warranty coverage, product support, or to purchase replacement parts, please refer to the manufacturer's official website or contact their customer service department. Contact details are typically found on the product packaging or the manufacturer's website.

