Match food-container lids before the holiday rush

A lid/base matching inventory with measured sizes. Use the free printable with the steps below. Compare the optional supply only if you need it.

Materials: Food-container bases and lids you already own; paper labels; measuring tape; printable matching inventory

1. Empty the collection

Gather clean, dry containers and lids on a clear surface. Keep damaged, cracked or badly distorted pieces aside. Start with what you own before comparing another set; an advertised piece count may include lids.

2. Match one lid to one base

Pair lids and bases by maker and size, then try the closures as their instructions describe. Number each pair on the worksheet. Similar-looking pieces from different sets are not automatically interchangeable.

3. Record useful gaps

List which complete pairs you use, which unmatched pieces need identification, and which sizes are missing. Compare the exact contents and replacement-lid availability of any proposed purchase. Keep working pairs together in the cupboard.

Source / recipe: USDA leftovers and food-safety guidance

Keep perishable food cold and follow actual recipe, food and container instructions. Use the worksheet to organize ingredients and serving arrangements.

Your printable workspace

Item / option	Details / actual ingredients	Check / notes

Base number / maker / dimensions

Matching lid / closure check

Missing pairs / replacements

Use suitable items you own. Check exact recipe, material and product directions.