

Is Your Cookware Making You Sick?

A Safer Cookware Guide for Health-Conscious Home Cooks By Hannah Romanowsky

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But these terms are often just marketing. Most modern nonstick cookware still contains PTFE, a synthetic compound that breaks down under high heat and contributes to environmental and health concerns.

Tip: If it says "PFOA-free" but doesn't explicitly say "PTFE-free," it still likely contains Teflon-like chemicals.

The Problem with Nonstick Claims

Look for cookware that:

- Uses non-reactive materials
- Contains no coatings, glazes, or aluminum
- Allows for waterless, oil-free cooking
- Heats evenly and preserves nutrients
- Is durable and long-lasting

A Safer Cookware Alternative — That You Can See for Yourself

After years of trying just about every pot and pan on the market, I've found a cooking system that checks all the boxes for safety, performance, and nutrient protection. It's the one I use in my own kitchen every day and share in my cooking classes.

Here's what makes it different:

- Crafted from implant-grade stainless steel (316Ti)
- No coatings, glazes, aluminum, or synthetic linings
- · Allows for waterless, oil-free cooking
- Heats evenly and cooks at lower temperatures to safe energy
- Helps retain up to 93% of your food's nutrients
- · Built to last a lifetime
- Cuts cooking time in half

Try the Baking Soda Test

Here's a simple way to test for metal leaching at home: You'll need:

- 1 cup water
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- Your pot or pan

Instructions:

- 1. Simmer the mixture in your cookware for 15 minutes
- 2. Let it cool and taste the water
- 3. If it tastes metallic, that's leaching

Book Your Free Virtual Cooking Demo

Curious about what safer cookware really looks like in action?

Join me for a free, no-pressure virtual cooking demo where you'll learn:

- How to prepare meals that nourish, not pollute
- How to test your current cookware for leaching
- What to look for in your next cookware investment
- A peek at the system I trust most in my own kitchen



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Final Thoughts

Your kitchen is the heart of your home — and your cookware is the foundation of every meal you make. Choosing safer tools for cooking is one of the most powerful steps you can take toward a healthier, more radiant life.

Clean food deserves clean cookware.

With joy and nourishment, Hannah Romanowsky **@danceanddish**

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