Kitchen Stories

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Key Objectives: The app's slogan "anyone can cook". Kitchen Stories offers a rich variety of recipes, practical kitchen tips, and informative food articles. It's described as an "interactive cooking app" that serves up recipe videos, how-to guides, and easy to follow step-by-step photo instructions to help users get busy in the kitchen. Bottom line: Kitchen Stories is topped its food category in over 150 countries Focus on creating high quality content and recipes for their users. Overall Strategy There are some press articles about Kitchen Stories from Tech Crunch, Venture Beat, The Guardian and Mac Rumors, but they're from years ago. Press doesn't seem to be a large outlet for promotion. They actively maintain their social media profiles on Facebook, Instagram, Youtube and Pinterest with recipe publications. Kitchen stories maintains a 4.8-star rating on the App Store out of 17,6K overall ratings. Bottom line: They have a great rating on the app store, what is the main source of users They actively maintain their social media profiles with a large number of followers Market Advantage There's a big database of recipes that users can browse by theme and filter by country. Kitchen Stories has an emphasis on professionally produced content, and in particular, high quality photos and high quality video, something that is in contrast to the plethora of user-generated recipe sites, which often carry poor visuals and unwieldy text. Bottom line: Kitchen Stories shows up first of a "recipe app" App Store search. Their rating is 4.8 on the app store.	Today, Kitchen Stories is available on a number of supported platforms. They are actively promoting by creating media content on Instagram, Facebook and their Youtube channel. They also do recipe collaborations with master chefs, known food bloggers, and home cooks. Such collaboration contributes to audience engagement. They were among the first to focus on usability, which in turn helped them become top-ranked.	Strengths: User-friendly app with all the features and information users need to cook - regardless whether they're a beginner or a hobby chef. Weaknesses: In the app, the bottom navigation is different in the English and Russian versions. This can be inconvenient for bilingual users Opportunities: If you open any recipe, before the description of the recipe, there is a section with reviews at the top. It seems out of place, at least it would be more convenient to see this section below. Threats: Sites/Apps such as Green Kitchen Stories/Cookpad. Similar name with Green Kitchen Stories is mesleading, users may think they are related.	Usability: The site and application are very convenient and easy to use. They take into account all the nuances that the user may have during cooking, such as calorie counting and food quantity converter. Due to the large number of recipes, it would be more convenient to use filters for cooking duration. Also in the section How-tos there is no search function, which can be inconvenient if the user wants to find something specific. Navigation structure: The menu options organized logically. I had no trouble understanding the structure of the navigation menu. However, there is no How-tos section in the navigation menu, while the site does. It is not clear how to find instructions in the application. Compatibility: The product is available on all devices, operating systems and browsers.

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Market Advantage Yummly maintains a massive library of more than 2 million recipes to provide users with customized recommendations that fit their lifestyle, taste preferences and dietary needs. Yummly connects people with recipes and other food content that matches their personal and dietary tastes. Yummly learns about the foods users love, and those they hate, their dietary needs, or allergies, favorite cuisines. Recently Yummly has available the Smart Thermometer uses dual temperature sensors to simultaneously monitor food and oven temperatures, allowing users to track their cooking remotely with their smartphone. Bottom line: A personalized recipe feed Smart Thermometer that monitors and alerts precision cooking.			