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Timeline and guide


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Kitchen Remodel


Before you start.

There are many choices to be made during a kitchen remodel but major choices, such as deciding whether to hire a contractor or do the work yourself, should be made before starting the project.


Also, decide early if you will want structural changes (such as moving a wall or window).



Define your goals. Envision the result.
Find inspiration and decide what to keep or replace by gathering photos and design ideas.



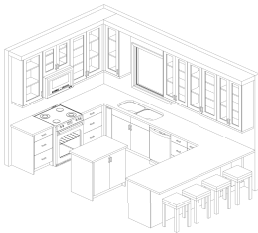
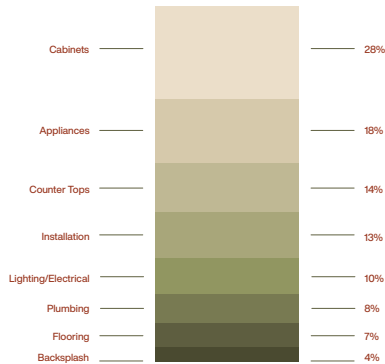
Establish the budget for your remodel
Regardless of the total dollar amount, it's important to create a budget and know what costs to expect.



Research and hire a contractor
Early in your remodel process, research and interview at least three potential contractors. Qualified contractors are often booked out 4 to 8 months ahead.

What you can expect for your budget

Learn what costs to expect and how to set your budget.



Budget set? Now, let's talk design.

The designing of the new kitchen is a key step in the kitchen remodeling process. Detailed, professional design drawings can keep you within your budget and ensure a beautiful result. The help of an expert kitchen designer is the best investment you can make in your project.

PHASE 01

Plan your kitchen remodel

Planning out your remodel is the foundation for a successful remodel with minimal stress and surprise expenses. A new kitchen can take from a few weeks to a few months. Find professionals and products that can fit your own timeframe.

Measure your space

In collaboration with your contractor or simply using a tape measure and pencil sketch, measure your space. Precision is important but you can adjust measurements later as you work with your kitchen designer.

Order cabinet samples

Select a cabinet door style and color to set the tone of your kitchen and help you choose counter tops, flooring and more.

Talk with a kitchen designer

Discuss your needs, wants and budget with an expert kitchen designer. This is a key step for turning your ideas into a beautiful and functional kitchen. An expert design saves you money in the long run.

Apply for a building permit

A building permit is often required for structural, plumbing, mechanical, & electrical alterations to a house. Your contractor should take care of permitting for you.

Finalize your plans

Finalize your kitchen design, timeline and contracts. Create a scope of work detailing who is responsible for each part of the project & when it must be completed.

PHASE 02

Order your products

Shopping for and ordering your products can take several months. It is best to wait for all your materials to arrive before demolishing any part of your kitchen. (Estimated time: 1-2 months)

Order appliances



As you choose appliances, keep in mind that their sizes affect your design. Any new appliances should be discussed with your designer before ordering cabinets.

Order cabinets



After finalizing your kitchen design you can proceed to order your cabinets. The lead time for cabinets is typically 3-6 weeks but it is often best to order them early and request shipping when you are ready for them.

Order complementary products



Order complementary products, such as flooring, hardware, counter tops, lighting, sinks, faucets and more.

Inspect products as they are delivered

Establish a temporary kitchen



Before demolishing your current space, establish a temporary kitchen. You may want to budget extra time and money for eating out more frequently during your remodel.

Pack up your kitchen



Before the sledgehammers start swinging, you'll need to pack up everything and move it to a safe place. This would be a good time to declutter your kitchen.

PHASE 03

Rough construction

Rough construction involves demolishing the existing kitchen, building out structural features and framing the room. (Estimated time: 1-6 weeks)

Demolish your kitchen



After confirming that the gas, water and electricity are off and that you have a plan to dispose of waste, remove or demolish your current kitchen components.

(1 Week)

Make structural changes



Consult a professional to make safe structural changes, such as new windows, walls or doorways.

(2-4 Weeks)

Rough-in plumbing, mechanical & electrical



Rough-in work needs to be completed before the drywall and flooring are installed and will need to be approved by a local building inspector before moving on.

(3-5 Days)

Install drywall and paint



Hang and finish new drywall and insulation, if needed. Prep, prime and paint any surfaces that can be completed before installing flooring.

(1 Week)

Install flooring



Depending on your chosen floor type, the flooring will need to be installed before (tile and hardwood) or after (luxury vinyl flooring and laminates) cabinetry.

(2-3 Weeks)

PHASE 04

Finish construction

Finish construction is when all new products are installed in the kitchen. This is the final, and perhaps most satisfying, phase of the kitchen remodeling process. (Estimated time: 1-2 months)

Install cabinets & counter tops



Install your cabinets and only after the base cabinets are in and leveled, measurements for counter tops can be taken. Then counters can be cut and installed.

(3-5 Weeks)

Install appliances and fixtures



Lighting, appliances and plumbing are installed next. Use caution moving heavy appliances so they do not ding or scratch new flooring and cabinets.

(1-5 Days)

Finishing details and hardware



The finishing touches of the kitchen include cabinet hardware, crown molding, paint touch-ups and any other details. Level all appliances and check their connections.

(1-2 Weeks)

Install Backsplash



Backsplash is the last major item to be installed. It usually takes two days, but could take longer if you're creating a detailed design.

(2-3 Days)

Clean the construction zone



Cleaning includes: clearing the room and ventilation system of dust and debris, wiping down cabinets and scheduling haul-away of any garbage dumpsters.

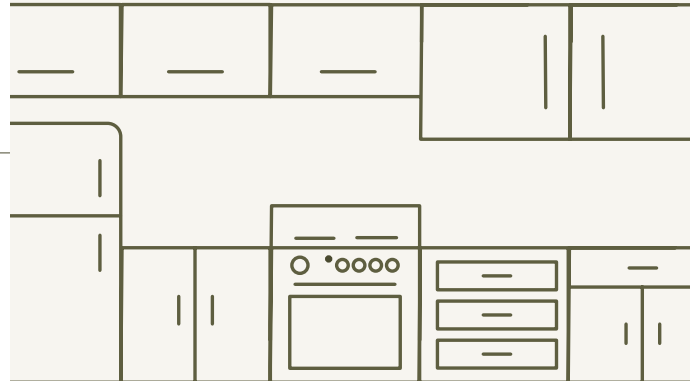
(1-2 Days)

If a building permit was required, schedule a final inspection by a building inspector

PHASE 05

Unpack and Enjoy!

Unpack your stuff and find a new home for each item. Congratulations, your brand new modern kitchen is ready for you to enjoy for years to come. Go ahead and it show off!



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