

When planning to remodel a kitchen, the possibilities are endless. Use this guide to help you narrow down your specific wants and needs. You'll figure out what's important to you and your family before you begin working with a designer or architect.

ABOUT THE PROJECT

What is your budget?
 When do you want to start the project?
 Will the kitchen be a part of a new construction project or renovation of an existing home?
 If it is a renovation, is it for resale or quality of life?

CONSTRUCTION

Are you considering moving walls?
 Are you considering an addition to the house?
 Do you want to add or eliminate a window or skylight?

ABOUT YOU & THE ROOM

How long do you envision staying?
 Who works in the kitchen? How often? Are they left-handed or right-handed? What are their approximate heights?
 Are there disabilities or allergies that should be considered in designing your new kitchen?
 What do you most dislike about your current kitchen?
 Is there anything about your current kitchen that you like?
 Do you want to eat in the kitchen? Which meals? How many have to sit here? What's your preferred seating height (counter, bar or table)?
 Do you have pets? What type?
 Does more than one person cook at one time?
 Are the cooks right-handed or left-handed?

STORAGE & ORGANIZATION

How do you shop (weekly, daily, in bulk)?
 Do you buy canned/boxed, prepared frozen food or mostly fresh?
 What kind of cooking do you do (stir-fry, casseroles, slow cooker, takeout, frozen/reheating, dessert)?
 What are your spice storage and condiment storage requirements?
 How many cookbooks will there be in the kitchen?
 Do you prefer them to be visible?
 Do you bake? If yes, how often? Do you bake your own pastries?
 Would you like any special display cabinets?
 What would you like your cabinets to look like (painted, wood, traditional, contemporary)?
 What small appliances need to be incorporated into the kitchen?

List items and approximate dimensions:

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| ○ Toaster | ○ Bread Maker |
| ○ Toaster Oven | ○ Griddle |
| ○ Rice Cooker | ○ Stand Mixer |
| ○ Slow Cooker | ○ Food Processor |
| ○ Electric Kettle | ○ Blender |
| ○ Coffee maker | ○ Panini Grill |
| ○ Pasta Maker | |

ENTERTAINING

Do you have large gatherings?
 Do you do more formal or casual entertaining?

OTHER ACTIVITIES

What activities other than conventional kitchen tasks are done in the kitchen (e.g., bill paying, computer games, TV, homework, crafts, laundry)?

Do you need a:

- Desk/message center
- Internet hub
- TV/stereo

APPLIANCES

Will you buy new appliances or use existing ones?

Which from the list below do you want to include?

- Fridge
- Dishwasher
- Wall oven
- Cooktop
- Slide-in range
- Drop-in range
- Microwave (convection?)
- Warming drawer
- Steam oven
- Built-in coffee/cappuccino maker
- Deep-fryer
- Beverage fridge
- Wine cooler
- Other

FIXTURES, FAUCETS, & ACCESSORIES

- Dish drainer on the counter or in sink bowl
- Second/bar sink
- Faucets with sprayers
- Sink (single or double bowl?)
- Sink colander
- Fitted cutting board
- Garbage disposal
- Filtered water
- Instant hot/cold
- Pot filler above stove
- Other

CABINET ACCESSORIES

What cabinet accessories and/or features would you like?

- Tray/baking pan storage
- Pot drawers
- Spice storage (approx. how many jars?)
- Roll-out shelves
- Rotating corner shelves
- Pull-out towel rack or towel holders
- Recycling storage
- Pull-out/swing-out compost bin
- Wine storage (approx. how many bottles?)
- Carving knife storage
- Glass doors
- Cutlery dividers
- Utensil dividers
- Backsplash hanging rail
- Chopping block
- Swing-up food processor/stand mixer shelf
- Appliance garage
- Breadbox
- Pull-out baskets
- File drawers
- Pull-out keyboard shelf
- Broom cabinet
- Stepladder
- Undercabinet lighting
- Other

FINISHES

- Flooring material (hardwood, porcelain tile, cork, vinyl, linoleum, bamboo, etc.)
- Countertop material (stone, quartz, stainless steel, laminate, etc.)
- Backsplash (ceramic, glass tile, metal, etc.)
- Cabinet material/finishes (stain, paint, distressed or antiqued finishes, etc.)
- Sink material (stainless, cast iron, copper, fire clay, composite)
- Faucets finish (chrome, brushed nickel or stainless, brass, etc.)
- Other