

Considerations:

When planning your kitchen remodel, there are a lot of things to think about. Here we've broken down some of the most helpful considerations:

Cabinetry:

- Will your cabinets be frameless or framed?
- What door and drawer styles do you want? Will any of your doors have glass in them?
- Will your cabinets be stained or painted? What color?
- Do you want one color on the uppers and one on the bases, or all the same color?
- Do you want the interiors to match the exteriors? (Stained, painted, etc.)
- What accessories do you want inside the cabinetry? (Lazy Susan, pull-outs, drawer organizers, racks, etc.)
- What hardware do you want and where will it sit on the door/drawer?
- Will you use the same layout as your existing kitchen, or will you modify it? If you are replacing all of the cabinets, this is a great opportunity to play around with the layout of your kitchen and make it work better for you and your needs.

Countertops:

- What material do you want for your countertops? (Laminate, quartz, granite, marble, concrete, recycled glass, soapstone, solid surface, limestone, stainless steel, butcher block, etc.)
- What will the edge profile be?
- Do you want a different countertop material on the island?
- Will your backsplash match your countertop material? Or will it be tile?
- How tall will your backsplash be?

Appliances:

- Which appliances are you planning to replace or add? (Refrigerator, range, range hood, microwave, dishwasher, cooktop, wall oven, wine refrigerator, trash compactor, etc.)
- What features do you need vs. what features do you want in each appliance?
- Do you want a gas or electric range, or dual fuel? Does your home currently have natural gas or propane? If not, is either available?
- Where will each appliance be located? Does this change the work flow of the kitchen?
- What finish will your appliances have?
- Will they have Wi-Fi and "Smart Home" connectivity?

Fixtures:

- What sink installation method do you want? (Undermount, drop-in, apron-front, etc.)
- What material do you want your sink made of? (Stainless steel, porcelain, etc.)
- Will your sink be single bowl or double bowl? If it is double bowl, where do you want the split? (50/50, 60/40, 70/30, etc.)
- Do you want a garbage disposal? If so, do you want to turn it on and off with a light switch, or do you want an air switch mounted on your sink or countertop?
- What finish do you want for your faucet?
- Do you want it to have a pull down/pull out?
- Do you want it to have an on/off touch feature?
- Do you want it to have “Smart Home” connectivity?
- Do you want a pot filler over your range?

Other:

- Do you want new millwork? If so, what will it look like?
- What color do you want the kitchen walls to be?
- Will you change the existing lighting? Add a pendant light over the sink, island, or bar?
- Will you add under-cabinet task lighting?

As you can see, there is a lot to consider, and you may be feeling overwhelmed just looking at this list of questions.

But don't worry, we are here to help you.

The following pages will help you determine the style you are going for and help you make more specific decisions about fixtures, features, and finishes. We've broken each of these sections (cabinetry, countertops, appliances, etc.) down into the details (finish, installation type, additional features, etc.)

This worksheet is ideal for the initial planning phase of designing your kitchen. It will take time to thoughtfully fill out, so don't rush through it – the details of your kitchen are what will make it work perfectly for you and your lifestyle.

As you read through this description of design styles, mark words or phrases that you connect with. This will help determine the look and feel of your kitchen décor style.

Art Deco – 20s-30s, streamlined, geometric, rounded fronts, mirrored accents, chrome, glass, sleek lines

Arts & Crafts (Craftsman) – 1910-1925, simple form, no extraneous detail, bungalow, Frank Lloyd-Wright

Asian – Natural fiber elements, bamboo, natural colors, calm, serene, lacquered furniture, bright accessories

Bohemian – Carefree, vintage furniture, global textures, displayed collections, found objects, high & low, *laissez-faire*

Contemporary – Neutral, clean, smooth, subtle, sleek, clean, low to ground

Costal/Hamptons – Beach life, comfortable, inviting, charm, serenity, blues & whites, natural wood finishes

Cottage – Cozy & charming, fairy tale-like, quaint, treasured pieces

Country/Farmhouse – Rustic elegance, white wood & shiplap, soft florals, pops of red, handmade, wood

Eclectic – Freedom of expression, breaking rules, mix and match, combines bits & pieces of all other styles to please

English Country – Feminine; greens, reds, pinks, & blues; fine carved wood furniture, overstuffed sofas, tufting, skirting

French – Ornate, fanciful, muted colors, repetition of a color or fabric, gold & bronze, glitz, drama

French Country – Elegance, simplicity, effortless, old-world, rustic yet refined

Industrial – Raw, edgy, textural, grey, worn down, repurposed & recycled, mixes metals & woods, exposed brick, urban

Mediterranean – Spain, Greece, and Italy; colors from the sea; terra cotta; yellow & lavender; ornate legs; textured walls

Mid-Century Modern – 50s-60s, geometric shapes, contemporary patterns, unique, straight-forward, functionality

Minimalist – Uber modern, aesthetics of simplicity, well-edited

Modern – 30s, minimal, true use of material, absence of decoration, strong shapes, asymmetry, neutrals, polished

Moroccan – Rich history, color, & texture; gold & brass metals; warm colors; more is more

Rustic – Organic, repurposed, hand-built, used & re-used, imperfectly rough & worn

Scandinavian – Warm & cheerful, casual, light, clean, refined, natural, simplicity of life, functionality, interesting lines

Shabby Chic – Weathered, painted motifs, muted florals, white, vintage accessories, bright & airy

Spanish – Rich colors with humble natural materials, clay tile, bridge between indoor & outdoor

Traditional – Colonial era, structure, predictability, comfort, warmth, familiarity

Transitional – Bridges contemporary & traditional, cleaner lines, leather ottoman coffee tables, Crate & Barrel

Tropical – Island-life, relaxation, comfort, ease, hospitality, blues & greens & red, patterns, light & bright, seagrass

Tuscan – Old-world, rich colors & textures, elegance, drama, rustic comfortability

Western – Raw, roughhewn woods, inviting fabrics, plaid, worn leather, stone hearths & walls, natural elements

Once you've determined a style (or a few) that you like best, we recommend creating a mood board/Pinterest board with details you like. You will start to see patterns emerge in the pictures you save.

APPLIANCES

Microwave: Yes/No

Finish: Stainless Steel White Black

Installation: Built-In (with Trim Kit) Over-the-Range Countertop Drawer

Features: Convection Automatic Defrost

Dishwasher: Yes/No

Finish: Stainless Steel White Black Cabinet-Faced

Control Location: Front Control Top Control

Third Rack: Yes/No

Smart Home: Yes/No

Range: Yes/No

Finish: Stainless Steel White Black

Heat Source: Electric Gas Dual

Oven Size: Single Double Triple

Installation: Freestanding Slide In Drop In

Number of Burners: Four Five Six Seven Eight Nine Ten

Burner Style: Smooth Top Coil Induction Radiant Open

Features: Downdraft Griddle Grill Meat Thermometer Self-Cleaning Steam Cook

Convection: Yes/No

Drawer: Warming Storage Oven Broiler None

Smart Home: Yes/No

Refrigerator: Yes/No

Finish: Stainless Steel White Black Cabinet-Faced

Door Style: French Door Side-by-Side Bottom Freezer Top Freezer Column

Size: Standard Built-In Counter Depth

Ice & Water in Door: Yes/No

If yes: Internal External

Features: Smart Home Viewing Window LCD Touch Screen

Range Hood: Yes/No

Finish: Stainless Steel White Black

Style: Glass No Glass Built-in Cabinet

Cooktop: Yes/No

Finish: Stainless Steel White Black

Number of Burners: Four Five Six Seven Eight Nine Ten

Burner Style: Smooth Top Coil Induction Radiant Open

Heat Source: Radiant Induction Coil Gas

Features: Downdraft Griddle Grill

Wall Oven: Yes/No

Finish: Stainless Steel White Black

Size: Single Double Microwave/Oven Combo

Heat Source: Electric Gas

Convection: Yes/No

Warming Drawer: Yes/No

Features: Self-Cleaning Steam Cook Temperature Probe Smart Home

Wine Refrigerator: Yes/No

Finish: Stainless Steel White Black Cabinet-Faced

Installation: Built-In Undercounter Freestanding

Features: Dual Zone Counter Depth

Trash Compactor: Yes/No

Finish: Stainless Steel White Black Cabinet-Faced

FIXTURES

Sink: Yes/No

Installation: Undermount Drop-in Farmhouse/Apron

Material: Stainless Steel Porcelain Metal Cast Iron Composite Fireclay Acrylic

Split: None (Single Basin) 50/50 60/40 70/30 80/20

Bar/Island Sink: Yes/No

Installation: Undermount Drop-in

Material: Stainless Steel Porcelain Metal Cast Iron Composite Fireclay Acrylic

Garbage Disposal: Yes/No

Motor Horsepower Size: 1/2 HP 3/4 HP 1 HP

Air Switch: Yes/No

If Yes, Finish: Chrome Brushed Nickel Black Oil Rubbed Bronze

FAUCETS

Faucet: Yes/No

Metal Finish: Stainless/Brushed Nickel Oil Rubbed/Venetian Bronze Chrome

Features: Pre-Rinse Pullout Spray Touchless Voice Activated Bridge Faucet

Matching Soap Dispenser: Yes/No

Matching Sidespray: Yes/No

Instant Hot Faucet: Yes/No

Filtering Faucet: Yes/No

If yes: Reverse Osmosis

Bar/Island Faucet: Yes/No

Finish: Stainless/Brushed Nickel Oil Rubbed/Venetian Bronze Chrome

Pot Filler: Yes/No

Finish: Stainless/Brushed Nickel Oil Rubbed/Venetian Bronze Chrome

Pullout Spray: Yes/No

Installation: Deck Mount Wall Mount

CABINETRY

Yes/No

Amount: New Doors & Drawer Fronts Only All New Cabinetry

Style: Fully Framed (With Overlay) Frameless (European) Inset

Boxes and Drawers Material: White Melamine Hard Rock Maple Melamine

Maple Plywood DRAWERS ONLY (Boxes to remain White Melamine) Pre-Finished

Maple Plywood

Exterior Material: Alder Maple Beech Pine Paint-Grade

Finish: Stained Painted

Interior Hardware: 3/4 Extension Drawer Guides, Standard Hinges
Full-Extension Drawer Guides, Soft Close Hinges

Exterior Hardware:

For Doors: None Knob Handle Cup

For Drawers: None Knob Handle Cup

COUNTERTOPS

Material: Laminate Quartz Granite Marble Concrete Recycled Glass Soapstone

Color Selection: _____

Separate Island Material: Yes/No

Edge: Standard Bullnose Double Bullnose ¼" Bevel ½" Bevel Reverse Bevel Ogee

Backsplash Material: To Match Countertops (4" Height) Tile Façade Metal-Look Panels
To Match Countertops (Full Backsplash)

PAINT

Walls: Yes/No

Color: _____

Finish: Flat Satin Eggshell

Cabinetry: Yes/No

Upper Cabinet Color: _____ N/A

Lower Cabinet Color: _____ N/A

Island Cabinet Color: _____ N/A

Pantry Cabinet Color: _____ N/A

Ceiling: Yes/No

Color: White Other: _____

FLOORING

Yes/No

Material: Laminate Luxury Vinyl Tile/Plank Tile Hardwood Bamboo

Radiant Floor Heat: Yes/No

LIGHTING

Yes/No

Recessed Lights: Yes/No

If Yes, How Many: _____

Flushmount Lights: Yes/No

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Metal Finish: Bronze Black Nickel White Chrome Brass

Semi-Flushmount Lights: Yes/No

If Yes, How Many: _____

Metal Finish: Bronze Black Nickel White Chrome Brass

Pendant Lights: Yes/No

If Yes, Location: Over Sink Over Island Both

Metal Finish: Bronze Black Nickel White Chrome Brass

Shape: Globe Drum Bowl

Shade Material: Blown Glass Wood Metal

Shade Finish/Color: Black Blue Brass Bronze Brown Brushed Nickel Chrome

Clear Copper Frosted Clear Gray Green Multicolored Orange Purple

Red White Yellow No Shade

Chandelier Lights: Yes/No

If Yes, Location: _____

Finish: Bronze Nickel Black Chrome Brown Brass

Design: Candle Drum Cage Island Cluster Center Bowl Globe Mini

Under-Cabinet Lights: Yes/No

Smart Home Lights: Yes/No