

# Planning Guide for Kitchen Remodel

A guide to help navigate you during the process of a kitchen remodel. Understanding all the benefits of custom cabinetry by incorporating the right elements to meet your style and needs.



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# Are you...

- Looking to sell your home to increase the resale value?
- Frustrated with the lack of function in your kitchen?
- Needing to update your outdated kitchen?
- Wanting to change the style of your kitchen?
- Updating appliances that will require a new kitchen layout?



If you can relate to any of these situations or frustrations then it might be time to consider renovating your home. Guidance by an experienced kitchen designer and craftsmanship of a reputable cabinet maker can assist to navigate you through the process, help you feel confident in moving forward, and eliminate the overwhelming feeling most people have during a kitchen remodel.

Kitchens should be designed around what's truly important - fun, food, and life.

- Daniel Boulud ~ chef/restaurateur



# Starting the design process with the experts.

Doing a kitchen renovation is not as simple as it appears on TV. Permits, building codes, and multiple selection choices can quickly overwhelm you. That's why it's necessary to have a professional kitchen designer assist you from the start. With years of experience and multiple connections in the design and construction industry, our design team can help you achieve exactly what you envision.

Key traits of a good designer are: listening to your needs and taking the time to understand what is important to you, your lifestyle, and your project investment.

When you hire a designer you are getting more than a professional, you are establishing a relationship with someone who has multiple resources to achieve your goals within the time frame as well as save you money.



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# Start by setting goals for your kitchen redesign.

To start any project you need to begin with the end in mind. What exactly does that mean? It is easier to plan for a kitchen renovation when you know what elements are important for the finished project. Your space is meant to be the place where you gather with family and express yourself freely. Because we offer custom cabinetry, your kitchen design can be unique to your needs and complete your wish list.

Does it include any of this:

- More storage for appliances, ex: mixer, coffee maker, etc?
- Beverage station for entertaining?
- Better work/prep areas
- Larger sink or add a farm sink?
- Pantry or scullery?
- Home office or command center?
- Large island with additional seating?
- Deeper drawers, or peg drawers?
- Unique storage design for spices, knives, and utensils?



By setting your specific goals and mapping out a plan, your decisions will influence the overall design and budget.



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## Space planning!

Space is important no matter how large or small. Larger kitchens can lose function if not laid out properly and smaller kitchens need more attention to detail to utilize each square foot to the best advantage. The room size also plays a part in the overall budget. For instance, do you have room for a kitchen island or space for a pantry? Each of these factors play a role in the design and the layout of your kitchen.

## Advantages of an existing layout

There are several benefits to working with your existing cabinetry layout, your budget may be a key role in just how much you are able to change. By not moving plumbing and electrical you can save money. Or you may want to allocate savings to other areas such as appliances, countertops and backsplash.





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## Infrastructure Issues

Load-bearing walls may limit what you can or cannot do from a design perspective.

Infrastructure can lead to major roadblocks that can impact your budget. Your kitchen designer is able to understand and prepare you for these things early in the process. A good designer will be able to work with the recommendations of the contractor to determine what is best for your project. Custom cabinets are built to your specifications. When designing custom cabinets we start with your floor plan, window and door layout. We have a skilled design team that can custom design your cabinets, incorporating all your accessory and storage ideas.



These custom cabinets were built around the exposed brick.

## Budget

Establishing a budget for your kitchen remodel from the beginning will be beneficial with the cabinet design and selection process. The budget is what will help guide you and your designer during the renovation.

“When you make the decision to purchase custom cabinetry, you get many options that boxed cabinet manufacturers cannot offer”.



# Starting the design process

Once you have determined the goals and the size of your kitchen renovation it is important to start working with a professional kitchen designer to develop a formal plan. A good kitchen designer will begin by reviewing what is important to you and begin by allocating allowances for each part of the project.

While you may be tempted to jump straight into picking out colors and finishes, a kitchen designer is first going to focus on your layout. Even though this part can be tedious it is a necessary step to move forward in the process. It's at this point where the amount of work is determined and how the budget will be spent.



Custom cabinets are built to your specifications, so they can be pretty much anything you want! When designing custom cabinets, we start with your floor plan and window and door locations. We then determine what your appliance preferences are and then we custom design your cabinets around that incorporating all your accessory and storage ideas.



# Custom cabinets: Options & selections.



We understand that this is an important decision and you may have questions such as:

- Why should I go with custom cabinets?
- Is custom worth the additional cost?
- What are the added benefits of choosing custom cabinets?

Walker Woodworking has built a reputation of quality craftsmanship, service and dedication to bring you the finest materials, latest innovations and very best cabinet designs for your entire home or business.

Walker Woodworking is our fully customizable cabinets Our custom cabinets are made right here in North Carolina where we can always monitor the product from start to finish. Each piece is inspected and branded with our emblem to show that it met our standard. We guarantee that they are made of the highest quality and proudly stand behind our product because we build with integrity.

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# Benefits of custom cabinetry

## Custom Cabinets mean custom options

- Need a cabinet to fit under a sink?
- Looking to have paneled appliances?
- How about a docking drawer where you can charge all of your electronics?
- Have a kitchen that has an odd layout?
- Need two dishwashers or two sinks?
- Want your pantry nearby but not in plain sight?
- What about a coffee station for those early mornings?

Function, aesthetics, storage, and layout are all equally important to a kitchen design. These are the benefits of a custom kitchen, custom means unique and tailored to your lifestyle.



We are focused on the most innovative technology and equipment, as well as skilled craftsmen. We continually strive to meet our clients' needs by researching the latest trends in the kitchen and bath industry, to ensure your experience guarantees you the finest cabinetry available.



# What makes custom cabinetry the best?

## Quality that lasts a lifetime

The best level of cabinets are made from the highest quality materials and finishes available. As with any top of the line product, these cabinets are built to last a lifetime. With machinery, and technology coupled with experience, both large manufacturing companies and some local shops can achieve the best quality cabinets. Within the best category of custom cabinets you can have unlimited sizes, wood species, custom paint and stain finishes. This can include unique, made-for-you hood options, decorative storage, appliance garages, appliance panels, pocket doors and much more.



“When designing custom cabinets there is no limit to the possibilities of design, style or size. We work closely with our clients to personalize their kitchen to achieve the function and desired look they want in their luxury kitchen.”



# Taking the next step

The kitchen is the heart of the home which means it should be an expression of what matters to you. Partnering with our design team at Greenbrook Design will help you navigate the endless possibilities and guide you to the products that will blend perfectly with your style creating a kitchen that is a true reflection of you. Contact us to learn more about our seven step process.

- Initial consultation
- Design
- Commitment
- Contract
- Production
- Installation
- Completion

Our goal is to create a design for our clients that tells their story by showcasing what they love in the best way. We have years of experience, skilled craftsmen, and a talented design team that look forward to working with you to create the perfect kitchen for you and your family. As a family owned and operated business, we value the relationship with each client, and are committed to customer satisfaction.

