

# Kitchen Renovation | Checklist

## Before the Renovation

### 1. Before you start

- ☐ Make a list of your most important needs, both practical and aesthetic.

#### What do I need?

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> New appliances       | <input type="checkbox"/> More electrical outlets                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A kitchen island     | <input type="checkbox"/> To remove a wall for open concept kitchen |
| <input type="checkbox"/> An updated design    | <input type="checkbox"/> A walk-in pantry                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> An optimized layout  | <input type="checkbox"/> Improved circulation (work triangle)      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> More/better lighting | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____                               |

- ☐ Not sure what you need yet? Take our [What kind of chef are you?](#) quiz to find out what type of layout is right for you.

### 2. Design

- ☐ Choose the style you want for your kitchen.

- |  |                                    |                                    |                                    |
|--|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> Mid-century modern | <input type="radio"/> Transitional | <input type="radio"/> Industrial   | <input type="radio"/> Farmhouse    |
| <input type="radio"/> Traditional        | <input type="radio"/> Modern       | <input type="radio"/> Contemporary | <input type="radio"/> Other: _____ |

- ☐ If you're not sure, then you can take our [What's your interior design style?](#) quiz to determine your ideal style.

- ☐ Get inspired by our [kitchen trends article](#).

### 3. Budget

- ☐ Use our Renovation Cost Calculator to get an estimate for your kitchen renovation.

	Budget		Budget
Specialists (kitchen specialists, designers)	_____	Hardware	_____
Demolition	_____	Countertops	_____
Structural work	_____	Handles	_____
Plumbing	_____	Backsplash	_____
Electrical	_____	Lighting	_____
Flooring	_____	Household appliances	_____
Paint	_____	Accessories	_____
Cabinets	_____	Cleanup	_____
		Other	_____

#### 4. Things to consider when planning

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|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hire specialists if necessary (interior designer, engineer, etc.) | <input type="checkbox"/> Get financing (if applicable)                                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Notify the co-ownership syndicate (if applicable)                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Check if your taxes will change                                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Have architectural plans prepared (if applicable)                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Ask your municipality which permits are required for your project |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Notify your insurance company                                     |  |

#### 5. Specialists

Major renovations are usually carried out by the general contractor. They manage the project and hire specialists, such as plumbers, interior designers, and engineers, as needed.

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|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Find a contractor   | <input type="checkbox"/> Verify the contractor* (e.g., licences, insurance, references) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Receive bids        | <input type="checkbox"/> Ensure that the contract is complete, detailed, and compliant. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Compare bids        | <input type="checkbox"/> Sign the contract  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Choose a contractor |   |

\*RenoAssistance helps you save time and money by recommending [53-point Verified Contractors](#). We provide you with a Verification Report on each contractor that bids on your project.

#### 6. Choose your materials

- ☐ Choose the materials you want to use in your kitchen renovation.

##### Cabinets

Style: \_\_\_\_\_  
Material: \_\_\_\_\_  
Costs: \_\_\_\_\_

##### Countertops

Style: \_\_\_\_\_  
Materials: \_\_\_\_\_  
Costs: \_\_\_\_\_

##### Handles

Style: \_\_\_\_\_  
Quantity: \_\_\_\_\_  
Costs: \_\_\_\_\_

##### Paint

Brand: \_\_\_\_\_  
Colour: \_\_\_\_\_  
Costs: \_\_\_\_\_

##### Sink

Brand: \_\_\_\_\_  
Colour: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cost: \_\_\_\_\_

##### Flooring

Style: \_\_\_\_\_  
Materials: \_\_\_\_\_  
Costs: \_\_\_\_\_

##### Household appliances

Brand: \_\_\_\_\_  
Quantity: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cost: \_\_\_\_\_

##### Hardware

Brand: \_\_\_\_\_  
Quantity: \_\_\_\_\_  
Costs: \_\_\_\_\_

##### Backsplash

Style: \_\_\_\_\_  
Material: \_\_\_\_\_  
Costs: \_\_\_\_\_

##### Lighting

Style: \_\_\_\_\_  
Materials: \_\_\_\_\_  
Costs: \_\_\_\_\_

##### Accessories

Style: \_\_\_\_\_  
Colour: \_\_\_\_\_  
Costs: \_\_\_\_\_

##### Extras

Style: \_\_\_\_\_  
Materials: \_\_\_\_\_  
Costs: \_\_\_\_\_

# During the Renovation

## 7. Things to consider before the renovation begins

Just before the renovation begins, consider your space and habits. Loud noise, water cut-offs, and not being able to access the kitchen to prep meals may force you to live in a hotel or with friends or family during the project, especially if you work from home or have young children.

- ☐ Create a temporary cooking area
- ☐ Determine whether the water will be turned off and for how long
- ☐ Assess and/or gain access to appliances
- ☐ Empty the kitchen cabinets
- ☐ Determine which parts of the house the contractors will have access to
- ☐ Establish a schedule and a completion date with the contractor
- ☐ Determine if you will have access to the rest of your home, as certain areas may be occupied by a waste container

## 8. Schedule

The following is an estimate of how long each step of the renovation will take. Keep in mind that, depending on the work being done in your home, some of these steps may not be necessary.

You can record the schedule your contractor has given you below and check off each phase as you go.

	Start date	End date
<input type="checkbox"/> Demolition (1–5 days)	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Plumbing (2–5 days)	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Electrical (1 day)	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Drywall (2–7 days)	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Paint (2–3 days)	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Flooring (1–2 days)	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Cabinets (2–4 days)	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Countertops (1–4 weeks)	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Backsplash (2–3 days)	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Lighting and outlets by electrician (1 day)	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Household appliances (1–2 days)	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Completion date of the work		_____

# After the Renovation

## 9. End on a positive note

- ☐ Do a final post-construction cleanup
- ☐ Clean the area thoroughly before use
- ☐ Decorate your kitchen to your taste
- ☐ Host a party to enjoy the new focal point of your home
- ☐ Thank your neighbours for putting up with the inconvenience during the renovation
- ☐ Thank the professionals who participated in the work
- ☐ Talk to your insurance agent to adjust your coverage

## NOTES

Are you planning a renovation in the near future? RenoAssistance can help you find the best contractors for your project.