



KITCHEN REMODELING

From Inspiration to Reality

An early kitchen planners guide.

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Introduction

Kitchens are the hub of most homes. Homeowners spend a great deal of time living and entertaining in their kitchens. Many families prefer an eating bar or island instead of a formal dining room for day to day meals and open floor plans with the kitchen and great room together are a popular design.

It is your home, so your kitchen should fit your style and functional needs. We suggest being aware of kitchen designs in homes you visit and even taking a look at the latest trends in new model homes to get inspiration. A little early planning will help when you start design development before remodeling starts.

Vision

An experienced design, build, remodeling firm, will help develop the perfect space plan and architectural design and present everything from the cabinet style to the paint colors and flooring.

With state of the art design software, full color renderings, elevations, perspectives and even 3D virtual walk throughs are created so you can really visualize the look and feel of the space before work even begins.

ASID interior designers can assist you with finish and fixture call outs including cabinets, counter tops, tile or stone, plumbing, appliances paint and flooring. The entire design package should be priced out, so you have an accurate cost and vision of your project.

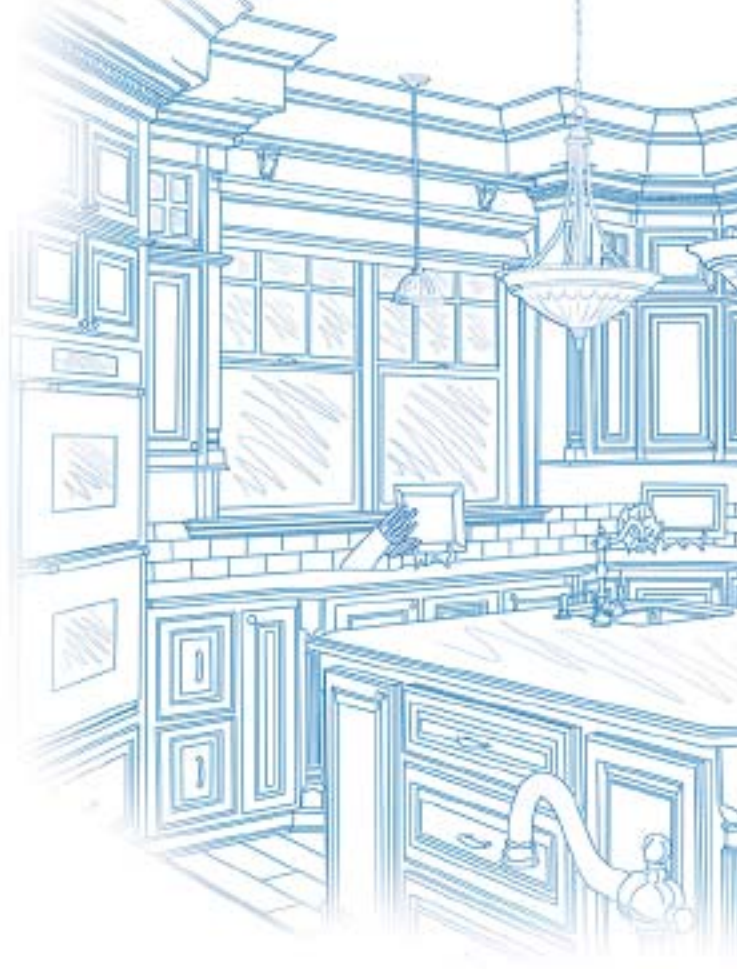
Planning for any home improvement project should be an exciting and rewarding experience. With the right partner at your side helping you navigate, the process should be fun and stress free.

The design - build system for home remodeling simplifies the process and also makes it much easier to meet a budget and avoid cost overruns.

Kitchens are the hub of most homes. A place where family and friends gather and where lifelong memories are created. Your kitchen needs to fit your lifestyle, design taste and functional needs.

Having a full understanding of what to expect from inspiration to design and the execution of work will help ensure that the final product exceeds your expectations.

We created this early kitchen planners guide using our decades of design and remodeling experience to help equip you with the proper education to avoid costly mistakes. Using our our suggestions from design development - space planning and construction should ensure your completed project meets your lifestyle and budgetary.



What is the definition of design – build remodeling?

A one stop system for design, permit processing, construction and project management from concept to completion.

What are the qualities of a great firm:

- Design and build services under one roof,
- An experienced home remodeling and construction firm (At Least 25 Years In Business) that has a following and proven trades who specialize in home remodeling.
- High quality work and great pricing due to sales volume.
- Family oriented and active in the community.
- Great reputation with clients and the reviews to prove it.
- Gold standard trade partners with showrooms.
- A great warranty and service after the sale.

Finding Inspiration

To begin your project you need to start with inspiration. You likely have seen design elements in restaurants, friends and families homes, online sites and magazines to start an inspiration book or binder. Having a living book of ideas or web addresses will be extremely valuable when you start design development.

The best place to start when you are looking for inspiration is model homes where you can find the latest styles and trends. You can also look for ASID open houses featuring newly remodeled homes. Finally, magazines and websites like Pinterest are efficient places to find ideas to add to your inspiration book. With Pinterest you can search keywords or on other sites and start building your own boards by style, room, feature, elements or finish to share with your design - build partner and/or interior designer.

After having a good idea of the styles, colors, products, features and finishes that you love, you are ready to start design development.

Common places to start looking for inspiration include:

- Pinterest
- Search Engines and Image Results
- HGTV
- Kitchens.com
- Better Homes and Gardens
- Silestone.com
- Rev-A-Shelf.com
- GE.com
- www.us.kohler.com

Design Development

In the design - build model, design development is the first phase. This is where your inspiration is turned into a space plan, elevations and 3D colorized modeling so you can see what your project will look like. There are specialized integrated design programs that generates a great presentation and changes can be

done on the fly. The key to successful design is the collaboration between you and the designer. There will be several meetings before the final design is achieved, so make sure you have time engage and embrace this exciting process.





Kitchen Styles & Direction

Dialing in your look and feel will now begin to take shape. With your inspiration board as your guide in with lots of items and elements that you like, now it's time to start selecting the must haves and matching colors and styles together.

During this step homeowners will need professional support from the design – build firm or interior designer because there are many considerations like form, function, color, code requirements and of course cost.

In order to ensure that your project is completed on time and budget, selecting the core items and

elements that are must haves is important, so accurate cost can be identified as well as lead times for delivery.

There are many styles and combinations available. Here are some design best practices when it comes to colors, styles and matching for consistency to help you get started:



Traditional

- Warm
- Classic
- Soft Muted Colors; creams, taupes, light greys
- Patterns like; flowers, fruits, vegetables, butterflies
- Arches
- Moldings
- Beams
- Kitchen Hoods
- Hidden Refrigerators



Contemporary

- Clean
- Simple
- Modern
- Uncluttered
- Stainless Appliances
- Steel
- Whites, Blacks and Greys
- Tile Backsplash
- Exposed Storage



Casual

- Kitchen & Dining Areas Combined
- Large Islands and Bar Seating
- Sink, Dishwashers and Wine Coolers in Island
- Entertainment Centric Space
- Dark floors are common but could use light as well
- Not overly contemporary and not too traditional
- Clean and clear surfaces
- Island can be different color than the normal cabinets



Transitional

- Transitional and Modular Cabinetry
- Feeling of New and Traditional
- Mixing and Matching Finishings
- More Undefined and Loose
- Chalkboard backsplash
- Matte finishing on granite
- Use of Stone and Pebbles in Counters
- Black and White colors work well
- Concrete Island
- Unusual color accents
- Farmhouse sinks



Country

- Natural Materials
- Distressed wood
- Timeless accents
- Inviting space
- Warm
- Antique selections
- Farm animal patterns or accents
- Copper Pots
- Wood and handmade furnitures
- Embodies nature
- Blue, cream & pale yellows or whites



Coastal

- Light
- Bright
- Airy
- Soft and gentle colors
- Subtle lighting
- Beach accents
- Reclaimed woods in furniture
- Unfinished furniture
- Versatile for different flooring and cabinet options



Cottage

- Timeless materials & styles
- Vintage
- Slip covers
- Cotton and Canvas
- Breakfast Nooks
- Barstools
- Ruffles
- Reclaimed and rustic wood
- Wood floor
- Vintage imagery and accents



Mediterranean or French

- Bistro themed
- Rustic wood or reclaimed woods
- White counters
- Islands
- Colorful tiles
- Stripes
- Floral prints
- Checkerboards
- White, black and reds combine well for colors

Finalizing Your Project

Having now gone through the thorough process of identifying ideas and inspiration, then formalizing those thoughts into a style with some selections about the core components of your kitchen, it's time to finalize the project scope, finishes and cost.

Renderings allow you to see a different design schemes that eventually are melded into the final scope that will be produced. Then you can say yes and start production knowing that you will have the perfect kitchen that fits your lifestyle! This is the time to make final changes, substitutions or value engineer to hit your budget before entering into a home improvement contract.



Next Steps

With the design development completed, it's time to enter into a home improvement contract.

By now, you have spent a considerable amount of time with the design – build team. If you are working with an established firm who has provided references, proof of insurance and examples of their work you should not be nervous about signing the contract as long as the following is included:

Now having finalized our inspiration, turning that into a formal style direction, selecting core elements of must haves, then turning all of that into a rendering of what the space would look like, you are to start.



Beginning a Project

Having a chosen a trusted partner to take the lead, you can sit back and enjoy the process.

The next steps are:

1. Completing the construction documents and client approval.
2. Construction documents are completed, submitted to the city and tracked through all of the departments until they are approved.
3. Pulling the permit.



During the Project

1. Pre-construction where the project manager prepares you for the start of work.
2. Project manager provides you with a construction schedule so you know what to expect and when finishes and fixtures need to be on site.
3. Ongoing communication and regular site meetings to keep you in the know.
4. After rough inspection cabinets are measured and shop drawings are created for client approval.
5. After shop drawings are approved by the client, cabinets are fabricated.
6. Final building inspection, walk through and completion of the punch list.
7. Post construction meeting with the owner of the company, project manager and you.
8. Delivery of product manuals and warranty.

Undertaking home remodeling and construction can be overwhelming without an experienced firm to lead the way. With proper planning and reliable partners, your project should be a fun and enjoyable experience. Once you have the kitchen of your dreams, you will be able to enjoy the new space with family and friends for generations to come!

We wish you the best of luck with your Home Remodeling project knowing that you will take great pride in your accomplishment and have an everlasting memory of your journey from concept to the finished product.



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