



Complete Design Checklist

Everything you need to consider to create a beautiful, functional Kitchen

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Hi,

I'm Bill Starring, the owner of Kitchen Concepts, and I'm honored to provide you with this design guide as a starting point for your kitchen renovation.

Kitchen renovations can be an exciting and rewarding journey, one that has the potential to significantly enhance both your daily living experience and the value of your home. However, getting started can sometimes feel overwhelming as you navigate the many details and decisions ahead. Some homeowners find themselves clear on what they want and enjoy the process of selecting materials—such as cabinets, countertops, and backsplashes—while others may feel daunted by the sheer volume of options available.

This guide is designed to assist you, to inspire your creativity, and to ensure that you've considered every detail thoroughly. If, after reviewing the checklist, you find yourself unsure or uncertain, don't worry—we're here to help. As your trusted kitchen designers and remodelers, our role is to support you through every step of the process, offering as much or as little guidance as you prefer, so that you can achieve the kitchen of your dreams with confidence and peace of mind.

Feel free to dive in and start checking off boxes, or put down the guide and give us a call.

We're here to help you bring your vision to life.

Happy Dreaming,

Bill

KITCHEN DESIGN CHECKLIST

fixtures + finishes

CABINETS

- Door Style (full overlay, partial overlay, inset)
- Door Profile
- Soft Close
- Material Type
- Finish (paint/stain)
- Sheen level
- Interior Material
- Location of hardware
- Interior features
- Under-cabinet lighting

COUNTERTOPS

- Material type
- Color/Style
- Finish
- Thickness
- Edge detail
- Transitions
- Waterfall

BACKSPLASH

- Material type
- Sizes
- Color/style
- Grout
- Finish
- Transitions

FLOORING

- Material type
- Size
- Color/style
- Finish
- Grout width
- Grout color
- Sealant
- Transitions

WALLS

- Material (Paint, wallpaper, wood, tile)
- Color/style
- Sheen level
- Finish treatment

TRIM + MOLDINGS

- Materials
- Profiles
- Paint/stain colors
- Sheen level

LIGHTING

- Ambient: Recessed lighting or ceiling fixture
- Task: Pendant lighting over island
- Accent: Under-cabinet, over-cabinet, toe-kick
- Chandelier for breakfast area

plumbing

PRIMARY SINK

- Material
- Single or double basin

PRIMARY FAUCET

- Faucet mount
- Finish
- Features
- Instant hot water

POT FILLER

- Faucet mount
- Finish
- Features

SECONDARY SINK

- Material
- Single or double basin

SECONDARY FAUCET

- Faucet mount
- Finish
- Features
- Instant hot water

GARBAGE DISPOSAL

- Horsepower/RPM
- Sound rating
- Size
- Switch/operation style

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COOKTOP

- Size
- Heat supply (gas, electric, induction)
- Number of burners
- Built-in vs. slide-in
- Finish
- Down vent option

RANGE HOOD

- Size
- Integrated or exposed
- Under-cabinet, wall-mount, island, downdraft
- Material/finish
- DB level
- Lighting
- Washable filters
- Hardware/design details

REFRIGERATOR

- Size
- Single or double
- Door swing/style
- Material/Finish
- Custom panel
- Depth
- In-door amenities (water, ice)
- Smartphone connectivity

SMALL APPLIANCES

- Coffee maker
- Coffee grinder
- Toaster
- Kettle
- Slow cooker
- Deep fryer

OVEN

- Size
- Built-in or integrated in range
- Single or double
- Warming drawer
- Convection

WARMING DRAWER

- Size
- Integrated in oven, or separate

MICROWAVE

- Size
- Integrated, countertop, over range
- Drawer microwave

WINE REFRIGERATOR

- Under-cabinet or freestanding
- Size
- Finish

DISHWASHER

- Single or double
- Finish
- Control panel on front or door
- Custom panel

storage needs

STORAGE IN CABINETS

- Food storage containers
- Bakeware
- Baking sheets
- Pots + pans
- Cutting boards
- Glasses (water, red, white, cocktail)
- Children's dishware
- Dishware (plates, bowls)
- Serveware
- Small appliances

STORAGE IN DRAWERS

- Cutlery
- Napkins/dish towels
- Knives
- Children's cutlery
- Cooking tools
- Serving tools
- BBQ tools



KITCHEN BUDGET PLANNER

With so many variables in a kitchen remodel, your investment for a renovation might include elements from each of the *good*, *better*, and *best* lists. But overall, this is what our clients typically spend to give you a starting point for planning.

BEST

- New Layout
- High-End Appliances
- High-End Fixtures
- High-End Finishes
- Fully Custom Cabinetry
- Art + Decor

TOTAL: \$150,000

BETTER

- New Layout
- Upgraded Appliances
- Upgraded Fixtures
- Upgraded Finishes
- Semi-Custom Cabinetry
- Art + Decor

TOTAL: \$75,000

GOOD

- Existing Layout
- Standard Appliances
- Standard Fixtures
- Standard Finishes
- Stock Cabinetry
- Art + Decor

TOTAL: \$35,000

Other investments to consider when planning your overall project budget: materials and finishes; interior designer; architect, contractor; and miscellaneous expenses like shipping, receiving, storage, white-glove delivery, permits, and taxes.