

KITCHEN REMODEL PREPARATION TOP 5 DETAILS TO HAVE COVERED.

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When considering a kitchen cabinet remodel it's important to have realistic expectations for your desired end result.

In order for that vision to be clear, we have provided this article to shine a light on five details you should know before you start the kitchen remodel process and how to guard against unforeseen circumstances.

1) What is the most important thing to cover for a kitchen remodel?

Budget. Budget. Budget. By no fault of their own, the general public may often have no reference point to determine the costs of home remodeling projects in general. Projects such as landscape renovations, in-ground pools, roofing work, and kitchen remodels, do not come around often in our lifetimes.

So it's no wonder why many people are often taken by surprise when they see the final amount in the proposed quotes from their potentially hired contractors. Unlike the car industry and your local grocery store, construction companies cannot necessarily provide you with their custom price for your custom project until you really ask for it.

In order to have a ballpark idea of your potential cabinetry cost, do the following.

1. Measure and record the total lineal footage of cabinetry you plan to have.
2. Take this number... let's say 40 lineal feet. And multiply it by \$250 and **\$450.00**.
3. You now have a ball park cabinetry cost of \$10,000.00 to \$18,000.00.

5 LINEAL FEET OF BASE CABINETS X \$260= \$1,300.00	
4 DRAWERS X \$140.00= \$560.00	
4 PULL OUT SHELVES X \$95.00= \$380.00	
5 LINEAL FEET OF UPPER CABINETRY X \$220= \$1,100.00	
1 OVEN UNIT= \$1,325.00	
1 ENCLOSED FRIDGE UNIT W/ WINE RACK= \$1,375.00	
11 LINEAL FEET OF CROWN MOLDING X \$30= \$330.00	
4 DRAWERS X \$140.00= \$560.00	
4 PULL OUT SHELVES X \$95.00= \$380.00	
TOTAL= \$7,310.00	

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MEASUREMENTS

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2) Layout and Functionality

If you're currently living in a home with an existing kitchen, it is likely that the cabinetry wasn't built to your desired specifications. Maybe you're tired of seeing the trash can in your kitchen or the island does not have a seating section for your kids.

Start to dream about the difference of having a modern kitchen with extra storage space that wasn't there before and a custom built cabinet for your new farmhouse sink. We highly suggest finding and saving photos of your special wants and needs for your dream kitchen.

Do remember, that just about all upgrades come at extra cost. Just like car shopping, sometimes we are willing to pay for the higher end model for a reason.



3) Design and Style

In combination with your kitchen layout, consider the colors and style! Modern and white? Light gray, simple, with black hardware and appliances? Wood grain cabinetry in one section with painted cabinets in another?

Roam and scour the internet for color combinations. Our check out our Dream Guide. There are so many well designed examples of beautiful kitchens. Keep two things in mind.

1. Many RTA and prefabricated cabinet choices are limited to the uniqueness you may be dreaming about.
2. Consider the surrounding aspects of our kitchen. Will your flooring, wall color, and lighting mesh together well with your new cabinets or do they need to be transformed as well?



4) Timeline

Hofstadter's Law suggests that a proposed project will always take longer than expected. Even if the law is taken into account, a project will not be completed before the time allotted.

Now, is this 100% true? Well, maybe not, but in construction projects it should at least be taken very seriously. In order to avoid disappointment, understand that the more complicated a project, the more of a chance there is for you to run into unforeseen obstacles.

So consider the following:

1. Think about a specific season of the year that you would prefer to have your kitchen redone.
2. Have contingency plans. If you are without your kitchen for longer than expected, what will you do?
3. The earlier you can order appliances and hardware the less likely of a chance of you having to deal with a nightmare backorder situation.

5) Understand the value of your purchase.

This will take some work, but dig into the details of the cabinetry you are about to buy. Many well promoted companies offer online "sales" and "specials". They make it easy for you to fill up the shopping cart with a highlighted discount.

Without realizing it, you may have sacrificed quality plywood construction, longer lifespan hardware, long lasting paint and finishes, and expert personal guidance. Not to mention, you may have opened yourself up to a host of issues.

Without proper help you may be missing the correct amount of fillers, molding, and side panels. The construction materials could be of a lower quality but now it's too late to return. Understand and confirm that you are going to get what you pay for!