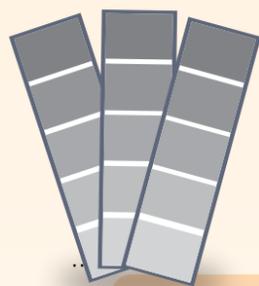




A HOMEOWNER'S GUIDE TO KITCHEN REMODELING

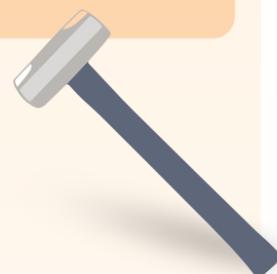


1. DESIGN & SELECTION

First, make any design or color choices, and decide if you will be changing your kitchen's layout in any way. Now is the time to browse samples, pick appliances, and choose the contractors (if needed) that you will be using for your project.

2. DEMOLITION

Here's the fun part, grab a hard hat and go to town. Remove the old cabinets and countertops, remove the trims, and finally remove the floors and old sheetrock. Give yourself a blank slate to work with.

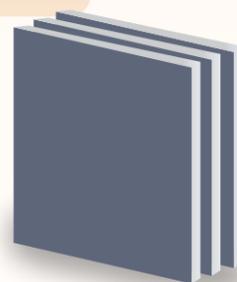


3. PLUMBING & ELECTRICAL

Be sure to make any necessary changes, repairs, or improvements to your plumbing and electrical components before the drywall. Consult a professional if you're not comfortable handling electrical or plumbing repairs.

4. DRYWALL

Install new drywall where needed. Remember to start with the ceiling, use a drywall bit for your drill, and lastly tape and mud the joints/seams when you're done. Drywall is cheap, and relatively easy to work with, don't sweat small mistakes.



5. CABINETS



Start with your wall cabinets (use a ledger board), then move on to the base, the most important thing here is to make sure you're mounting your cabinets level. Keep your appliances in mind; you want to make sure your stove, fridge, microwave or other appliances will fit.

6. COUNTERTOPS

Visit your nearest stone yard to make material selections. Granite, quartz and quartzite are great choices for kitchens. Material is sold by the slab and you will need to consult a fabricator to get your countertops cut and installed. If you need help finding a fabricator near you, or have questions about natural stone countertops contact Econ Granite at www.econgranite.com



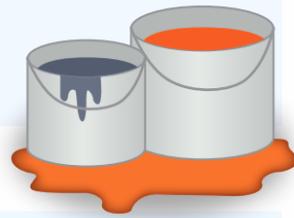
7. FLOORING & BACKSPLASH

Different types of floor require different tools and installation methods. YouTube might come in handy at this point. Also, Cover your countertops when installing your backsplash, this will make clean up a lot easier.



8. PAINT & TRIM

Install your trims, then begin the painting process. Make sure to use blue tape where necessary, paint small sections at a time, and do multiple coats if needed.



9. APPLIANCES / FIXTURES

Now's the time to install your appliances, be careful when sliding heavy appliances as they can scratch new floors. Install the hardware for your cabinets and hook up any other fixtures as well.

10. FINISHING TOUCHES

Clean everything up, decorate, and enjoy your completed kitchen.

