

Kitchen Remodeling Checklist

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- Buying and Ordering
 - Select appliances.
 - Consider how much space you want to allocate to each appliance.
 - Research ratings and reliability online or in a consumer magazine.
 - Look at cabinet styles and get preliminary estimates.
 - Browse countertop options.
 - Get ideas for any large features you want for your kitchen.
 - Consider hiring professional kitchen designer.
 - Begin designing the layout for the room.
 - Set up a preliminary outline of work to be done.
 - Begin ordering windows, doors, moldings, appliances, sink, flooring etc.
 - When ordering ask about delivery times and installation costs.
 - Sign contracts for cabinets, demolition, installation, and any other renovation work.
 - Set up a chronological spreadsheet.
- Preparation
 - Rent a trash container.
 - Set up a working kitchen.
 - Clean out the kitchen.
 - Wait for new cabinets and appliances.
 - Get rid of old appliances and cabinets.
 - Shut off electricity, then water.
 - Clean the kitchen and trash area.
 - Check arrival dates of workers and materials.
 - Plan to keep the work areas clean daily.
- Installation and Decoration
 - Install base cabinets.
 - If your appliances are built in, they'll need to be on hand when cabinets are installed.
 - Install wall cabinets.
 - Install countertops.

- Install backsplash.
- Install the sink, faucets, disposal, and make all water connections Test for leaks.
- Install drawers and doors.
- Install matching cabinet end panels and appliance panel covers for dishwashers, refrigerators, and others.
- Install or attach lighting fixtures to the ceiling, wall, or under cabinets.
- Install flooring.
- Clean and polish everything.
- Install window treatments.