



Remodeling Process & Hints

Ready to begin planning your project? These helpful hints from Creative Kitchens will make you aware of unforeseen headaches and have your project running in no time! We hope that the following tips will make your journey a pleasant one.

Getting Started

1. Gather a scrapbook of notes, photos, and articles that you've collected.
2. Get together with your family and ask for their input and wish lists.
3. Come up with a budget you can live with.
4. Draw a rough sketch of your floor plan and take measurements (or, if new construction, get floor plan from architect or builder).
5. Call us to review your project or make an appointment for a design consultation.

Project Review

The first time we discuss your project we will...

1. Answer any questions you may have.
2. Review and/or assist you in establishing a budget.
3. Discuss your scrapbook of ideas (if you have one).
4. Discuss your floor plan (if you have one) and go over some design ideas.
5. Discuss your plans for utilizing the room you will be remodeling.

If You Like What You See...

1. You can book a Design Consultation for a nominal fee which will be applied towards your kitchen. We will bring samples that fit within the budget you have specified and come to your home and take

measurements or work with those supplied by you.

2. We will create a design, draft perspectives, elevations, and floorplan.
3. We will set up a meeting for you to discuss the design and discuss any potential modifications you would like to make.
4. We will provide you with a firm pricing proposal based on the cabinet brand, door style, finish, and construction options you have selected.

The Installation Process

1. We will happily install any cabinetry we sell. If necessary, we will make arrangements with your builder, architect, and/or designer to coordinate the installation.
2. If necessary, we will remove your existing cabinetry and appliances.
3. To ensure a quality installation, we will meet the installer at your home to discuss the details of your plan and installation.
4. Please make space in your garage for cabinets and appliances.

Remodeling Hints

1. Dust... there's just no way to avoid it! Cover doorways into other rooms with plastic. If there is a fish tank, furniture, or electrical equipment in close proximity to the work, remember to keep them well covered (first with a bed sheet then plastic).
2. Pack everything that won't be needed into boxes. This will keep things dust-free.
3. Keep essential items handy: basic food that can be microwave, condiments, cereal, microwave-safe dishes and utensils, dishcloths, dishwasher soap, paper plates and cups, coffee, coffee pot and sugar/creamer, paper towels, napkins, and garbage bags.
4. You will be without water in the kitchen for a short time. You may need to do dishes in another sink or the bathtub for awhile.
5. Set up the microwave, refrigerator, toaster and coffee machines in another area, along with a table for preparation.
6. Stockpile restaurant coupons for the nights when you really want to eat out.

7. Relax and rely on your kitchen designer. There will be a beautiful kitchen when all the dust is gone!!
8. Don't forget about your pets. There will be noise, fast traffic, debris and some dust. If there isn't any area in your home to keep them safely away from the work area, consider a play date at a friend's home or a kennel.