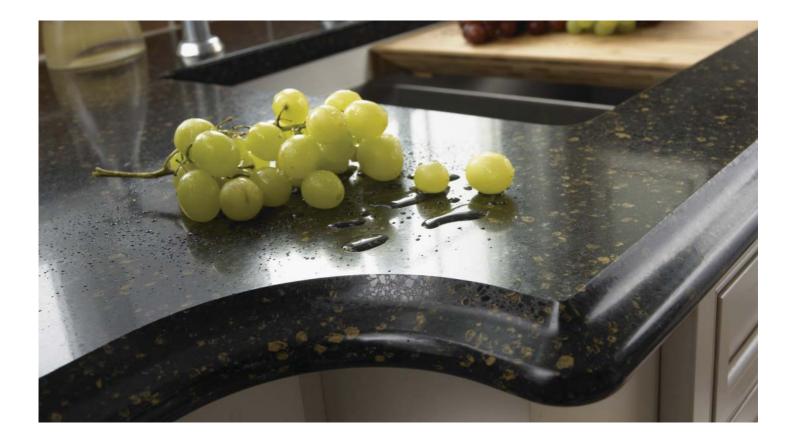
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We know our way around the kitchen.

Remodeling your kitchen is a big job and a considerable investment in your home's value. We're here to make sure that your new kitchen is the one you've always dreamed of; beautiful, practical and affordable.

Consult our Kitchen Specialists.

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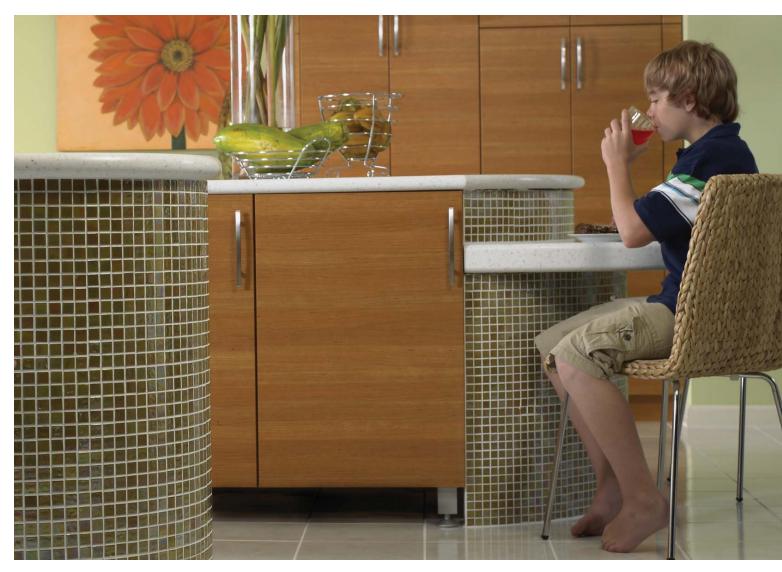
What's your recipe for a successful kitchen?

The way you live, the way you cook, the way you entertain — all these things and more determine what you want out of your kitchen remodeling project. Use this planner to help get a better idea of what fits your style, functional needs and budget.

What excites you?

The best way to find out what you like is to collect ideas over time. Write and sketch your ideas in a notebook. Develop your personal wish list — by writing down everything you'd like in your perfect kitchen, regardless of what you think will fit, or what you think you can afford.







Things to think about:

- Get input from the whole family. You never know where the best ideas might come from.
- Any major change or changes that could be made to improve your kitchen.
- The amount of time you and your family members spend in the kitchen.
- Amount of time spent cooking or entertaining and the space needed for this.
- If you have younger children in your home, consider cabinet locks, rounded corners, and other safety features.
- The single worst thing about your present kitchen.
- Changes you would like to each of the following: floor, countertops, cabinetry, storage, appliances, traffic flow, lighting.
- A focus area of your new kitchen. Any item or area that could be an expression of yourself and your family, for example, a special area for baking, a showcase for a cookbook collection, or antique serving pieces.
- Items or appliances you prefer to not see or showcase (for example, microwave or coffee maker).
- Your budget for this project.

GOOD TO KNOW:

For design ideas, check out home decorating shows on TV, home-related websites, magazines and books. Take notes, print out photos, tear out pages, and add them all to your folder. It's all about you!







Choose a layout for your lifestyle.



Here's a layout that minimizes

walking, and maximizes a

space that connects two

workspace may be difficult

A great choice for separating the cooking space from the

dining space. It also routes

traffic away from the work area.

separate rooms. Extra

to include in this layout.

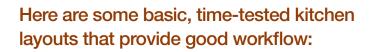
Corridor Or Galley

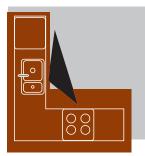
The most efficient kitchens are laid out to create a *work triangle,* the classic imaginary connection between the sink, refrigerator and range or cooktop. The idea behind this arrangement is to minimize wasted motion, such as extra walking and reaching.

Even though today's kitchens have additional focal points, such as the dishwasher and the microwave, using a work triangle is still a good way to streamline your kitchen design.

Some things to consider:

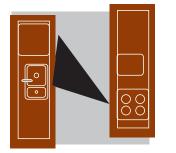
- Each side of the triangle should be no longer than 9 ft. and no shorter than 4 ft.
- Allocate at least 18 in. of counter space on each side of the sink for cleanup and loading the dishwasher.
- Allow at least 15 in. of counter space near the refrigerator for unpacking groceries.
- Provide 3 ft. of counter space next to the range or cooktop, for food preparation. If two cooks will be working at once, allow 6 ft.
- Be sure to consider your family's specific storage and eating-area requirements and designate space for them.

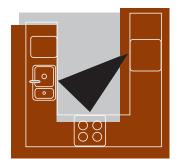


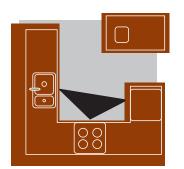


L-Shape

This design works well in limited spaces. It offers ease of movement, it's ideal for two cooks working at once, and works well for kitchens that connect to another living area.







G-shape

U-shape

An excellent layout for the solo cook. This design easily accommodates specialty appliances, too.

Islands

If your layout and square footage allow it, consider adding an island. It's a great location for a cooktop or a second sink. With a multi-level countertop, an island can double as an informal dining area.



One-wall

If you want to keep your kitchen area to a minimum and open it up to the room, this layout serves your purpose. It's good for entertaining, since the cook is always part of the crowd.



Beyond the basics.

Now that you've thought about your lifestyle, wants and needs, you're ready to think about two things that will dramatically influence your kitchen makeover: budget and style.

How much money do you want to spend? Are you seeking a variety of unique or elaborate components, or are you looking for more practical features? Consider your expectations carefully when you set your budget.

You should also select a style. Browse this section and determine whether you prefer a traditional, casual, contemporary or eclectic style. By defining your style, you'll be able to narrow your search to kitchen components that complement one another.



Investing in your kitchen Think through how each of the components fits with your total budget.

Item	Cost Level	What Your Money Gets You	
Cooking	\$ \$\$ \$\$\$	Freestanding ranges; variety of finish Slide-in ranges; double ovens; drop-in range, double-oven freestanding ranges Cooktops; single- and double-ovens; built-in microwaves; warming drawers	
Ventilation	\$ \$\$ \$\$\$	Standard range hood Over-the-range microwave Commercial and/or designer style range hood	
Refrigeration	\$ \$\$ \$\$\$	Choice of configurations and finishes; wine cooler Water purification; integrated or freestanding icemaker Panels to match cabinets; Built-in; French door; 4-door and convertible styles; in-door water and ice dispenser	
Dishwasher	\$ \$\$ \$\$\$	Range of materials; basic functionality Built-in models; quiet models, increased functions Dishwasher drawers, multiple shelves; fold-down tines; stemwear holder/cutlery baskets	
Sink	\$ \$\$ \$\$\$	Stainless steel, acrylic High-grade stainless steel, cast iron, composition and integrated solid surface Undermount and apron front	
Faucet	\$ \$\$ \$\$\$	Two-handle high-arch with side spray; chrome Single-handle pull-out; stainless steel High-arc pull-down or pull-out oil-rubbed bronze; pot-filler faucet	
Cabinetry	\$ \$\$ \$\$\$	Stock cabinets Semi-custom designs, storage options Custom designs; hand-rubbed glazes, decorative details, lighting options; painted finishes	
Countertops	\$ \$\$ \$\$\$	Laminate Solid surface Granite & natural quartz	
Flooring	\$ \$\$ \$\$\$	Vinyl; laminate Tile; solid and engineered woods; laminate Natural stone	
Lighting	\$ \$\$ \$\$\$	Replace current fixtures Add in-cabinet/undermount lighting Add new wall-mounted or ceiling lights	
Walls/Backsplash	\$ \$\$ \$\$\$	Paint Wallpaper; faux finish Tile	
Window Treatments	\$ \$\$ \$\$\$	Blinds Fabric window treatments Plantation shutters	

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Budget

DEFINE YOUR BUDGET

Typical kitchen renovations represent 10-20% of your home's fair market value.

Breakdown of Total Renovation Cost			
CATEGORY	NATIONAL AVERAGE %		
Cabinets	45-50%		
Labor/Installation	16%		
Countertops	13%		
Appliances	8%		
Flooring	4%		
Fixtures & Fittings	4%		



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Define your style with

These terms refer to the different ways designers use color and materials. Become familiar with them, and you'll be able to communicate your ideas easily.

Warm or Cool: Choosing Your Color Palette

Warm colors actually create a sunny feeling in a room.

- Colors such as red, orange and yellow feel lively and warm
- Woods such as oak, cherry and maple work well with warm tones
- Metals with warmer tones include brass, bronze, gold and copper

Cool colors that depict sky and water are calming.

- Blues and greens create a restful environment
- Woods such as maple have cool tones
- Metals such as chrome, nickel, iron, steel and aluminum are in the cooler range

Wood and Metal: Colors from Nature

Wood

• In addition to brown, natural wood may have gold, red or even green tones

Metal

- Colors of metal translate as yellowish, reddish, brown, orange or gray
- Stainless steel works as a neutral complement to most wood finishes

Texture

There are a variety of different surfaces you can use in your

kitchen. Different appearances and tactile qualities create

different effects. Think about the textures that appeal to you.

- Smooth or rough? Polished or naturally honed stone surfaces?
- Do you like wood with exotic, visible grain, or do you prefer a more subtle look?



- Do flat surfaces appeal to you, or are you more interested in sculpted looks?
- Solid colors or patterns?

colors and textures.

Sheen

Low sheen or high sheen refers to the amount of polish on a finish.

- Polished: high shine, and very little texture
- Satin: less shine, with subtle texture
- Brushed: less shine, more texture
- Matte: no shine, varied texture

Color and Finish

Monochromatic

- Uses several values of the same color
- Contrast is soft and quiet because colors are similar. The effect is soothing and peaceful.

Complementary

- Uses colors that are directly opposite each other on the color wheel
- Dynamic contrast feels energetic and stimulating

Analogous

- Uses two or three related colors that lie next to each other on the color wheel
- Related colors create moderate contrast and pleasant combinations. The effect is colorful yet comforting.

Defining Value, Saturation and Intensity

Value is the relative lightness or darkness of a color. Combining colors with the same values creates a soothing mood. Contrasts in value create excitement.

Saturation or Intensity refers to the brightness or purity of a color. More intensity or saturation means a more powerful concentration of color. Colors with similar intensities work best together. Think about whether you feel more comfortable with muted or bright colors, and design according to your own preference.



A more traditional look is achieved with a warm, analogous, color palette and a balanced combination of rich textures, smooth finishes and classic patterns.





A monochromatic palette translates into a casual look, with the addition of coarse, natural materials and matte finishes.

Traditional

The traditional look draws from classic English and European design. Symmetry is important. Classic elements such as columns, arches, decorative trims and patterns are part of the look.

Colors

Colors in traditional palettes usually include rich shades that blend harmoniously, rather than stark color statements.

Textures & Finishes

Textures and finishes tend to be smooth with highly polished surfaces and tightly woven, patterned fabrics. Cabinetry and furniture are usually embellished with carved details. Traditional finishes include dark or white and classically sculpted metals such as polished brass, antique bronze and satin nickel.









The Style

The mantle design range hood, glass fronts on the cabinetry, granite countertops and tile backsplash add decorative elements to this classic style.

The Feeling

Rich wood finishes combined with neutral colors on the wall, in the tile and on the countertops all contribute to the calm, warm, welcoming feeling of this kitchen.

The Detail

The design details found in the faucet, sink, cabinetry, and lighting all nod to the past, and fit with the traditional style.



Mantle design range hood



Apron front sink and pump style faucet



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Contemporary

Clean, unbroken lines. Sleek surfaces with very little ornamentation. Color instead of patterns. In the contemporary kitchen, it's all about simplicity and functionality. Here, less is most definitely more.

Colors

Colors that work best in contemporary rooms are usually monochromatic schemes. Sometimes a bold accent of more intense color can be powerful. For example, white walls make an interesting backdrop for optic-yellow barstools.

Textures & Finishes

Textures and finishes are smooth and simple in contemporary designs, whether they are polished, brushed, high-gloss or matte-finished. Angular or curved shapes can be incorporated. Fine-grained natural wood and glass work well.









The Style

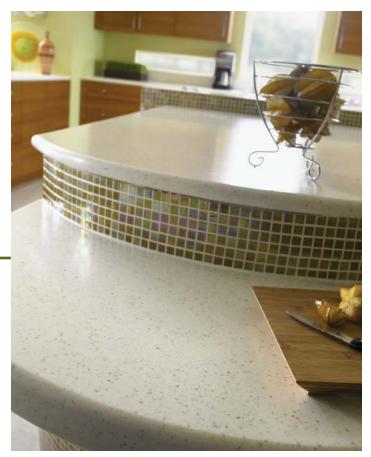
With the simplicity of the overall design, the horizontal lines of the cabinetry, and the lack of ornamentation, this kitchen makes a contemporary statement.

The Feeling

Smooth finishes and soft colors with touches of bold color make this kitchen feel fresh and alive. Clean and sleek lines add interest to the design.

The Detail

The curves in the countertop design and the soft arch of the decorative hardware give this kitchen its unique look and add to its contemporary feeling.



Curved countertops

Contemporary

Cabinetry with horizontal grain



Casual

Natural and uncomplicated, the casual style kitchen welcomes family and friends to come in and relax. This lived-in look is always comfortable and inviting.

Colors

Colors in the casual style are usually analogous mixes, ranging from soft pastels to warm, robust tones inspired by nature. The casual palette gives a sense of security, tranquility and comfort.

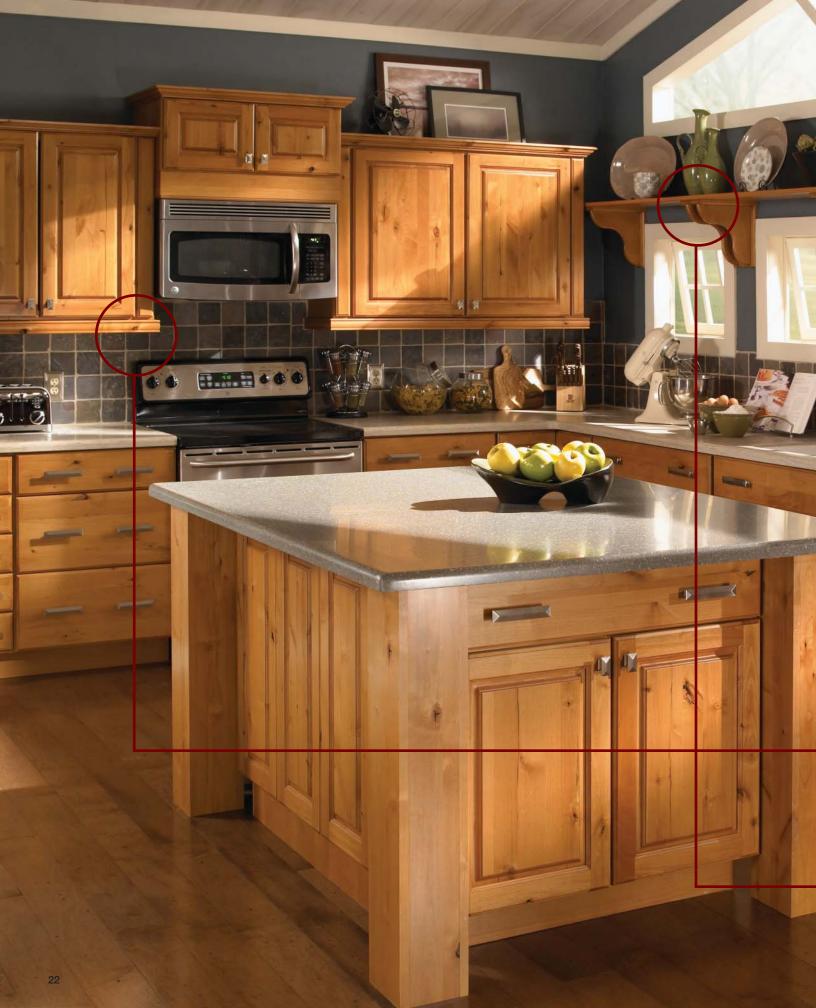
Textures & Finishes

Textures and finishes are not fancy or fussy. This is an informal approach to living – and wicker, cotton and wood all feel at home here. Cabinet and hardware finishes that appear worn or aged add to the look.









Casual

Style

The Style

Materials inspired by nature always work perfectly in a casual setting. Alder and slate make great partners in this kitchen.

The Feeling

Warm wood tones, natural colors, and interesting textures work with each other to create a comfortable feeling of home.

The Detail

Open shelves showcase family collectables, adding a personal touch. Like an old farmhouse table, the island is the perfect spot to prepare food for large informal gatherings.



Alder cabinets and slate tile



Open shelves



Eclectic

In an eclectic kitchen, a variety of styles can be combined to create an individual look. This "freestyle approach" is often tied together with color, texture or shape.

Colors

Colors are complementary, spirited, and visually stimulating. The unexpected variety is pulled together through the simple use of key colors.

Textures & Finishes

Textures and finishes may vary dramatically throughout the kitchen, but they balance each other. Consider mixing appliances of different finishes to complement split finishes in the cabinetry. Colored appliances make a bold statement.









Style

The Style

The combination of traditional, dark-finished cabinetry combined with a Shaker-style door in a soft white is a perfect example of an Eclectic style kitchen. These two styles merge to create a one-of-akind, truly individual look.

The Feeling

Light and dark finishes create exciting contrast. Repeating this contrast throughout this kitchen brings balance, and adds a sophisticated, soothing feeling to the room.

The Detail

The arched raised panel range hood in a very dark traditional finish surrounded by the off-white cabinetry and contrast wall color creates a focal point in this kitchen. The modern bar stools and the detail of the architectural support at the conversation bar, against the dark raised panel cabinetry at the island are perfect examples of combining the two styles for a harmonious blend.

Chimney hood

Conversation bar



How your kitchen works.

You've considered your style and how you want your kitchen to look; next you can begin to determine how it will work. These next few pages will help you determine the functional details of your kitchen from appliances to cabinetry to lighting.

In this section, you'll find many ideas about how best to outfit your kitchen. Do you want a side-by-side or a top-mount refrigerator? Special storage options in your cabinetry? A single-bowl or a double-bowl sink? Accent lighting? Paint or wallpaper? Whatever you choose, Lowe's can make it happen.





Appliances

Choose the Fuel

Electric

- Best baking control
- Smooth top is easier to clean

Gas

• Precise temperature controls for accurate stovetop cooking

Dual Fuel

• Electric oven with gas top

Ranges



Freestanding

- Can stand alone or between cabinets
- Models range in size from 20 in. to 48 in.



measurements that drive your overall kitchen design.



Drop-in

- Rests on top of the cabinet base and overlaps the counter surface for a built-in look
- Controls are on the front
- Available in 27 in. and 30 in. sizes



Slide-in

- Built-in look with the addition of a storage drawer
- Fits snugly between cabinets and is countertop height
- Controls are on the front
- Available in 30 in. size

Built-in

Cooktops

- Allow for a more flexible, customized kitchen layout
- Choose from coil, glass, induction, gas or downdraft units
- Available in sizes ranging from 15 in. to 48 in.







Microwaves

- Over-the-range models combine lighting and exhaust functions
- A built-in model enhances a "seamless" kitchen look
- Additional features include turntables, convection, browning sensors, timers and exhaust systems

Ovens

- Single ovens can be mounted at eye level or under the counter
- Single, double and oven/microwave combination units available
- Available in 24 in., 27 in., 30 in. and 36 in. exterior widths



Warming Drawers

- A warming drawer can be added in a variety of locations to help keep food warm to heat plates or to slow cook
- Available in 27 in. and 30 in. widths

Ventilation Systems

Necessary for circulation and for removing odor and grease, range hoods are installed above ranges and cooktops. Downdraft systems are available as integrated or separate units, and peninsula hoods can be used for island or installations.





Appliances

Refrigerators: Choose A Format



Free-standing

- Maximize food storage within existing space
- Range in width from 33 in. to 36 in.



Built-in or built-in look

- Same depth as the countertop; provides a streamlined appearance, but may reduce capacity
- Can be paneled to appear as part of your cabinetry
- Range in width from 36 in. to 48 in.

Select A Configuration







Side-by-side





Topmount



Bottom-mount Refr

Refrigerator Drawers

Consider Features

- Adjustable shelves
- Spillproof shelves
- Glass or wire shelves
- Ice makers

- Through-the-door dispensers
- Storage bins and crispers
- Reversible doors
 - ENERGY STAR® qualified



Look for the ENERGY STAR[®] label to save energy and reduce utility bills. ENERGY STAR is a government-backed, national symbol that identifies energy-efficient products.

GOOD TO KNOW:

The interior size of your refrigerator should match the size of your family. Allow 18 to 20 cubic feet of space for the first 2 family members, and an extra cubic foot for each additional person.

Dishwashers



Custom Panel



Dishwasher Drawers



Fully Integrated



Semi-integrated Control Units

Other Appliances To Consider





Ice Makers are great for entertaining or a arge family.

Wine Cellars offer a tri-zone cooling system to allow for proper cooling of various wine types.

Also consider **Espresso Machines** and **Trash Compactors** for your custom kitchen.

Cabinetry

With a wide range of door styles, wood types, sizes and finishes, cabinet choices are virtually endless. You can customize your kitchen and accommodate unusual spaces. Cabinet organizing accessories and decorative accents offer even more options.



Door Styles



Slab

Perfect for a contemporary design. To add an extra personal touch to your kitchen, add a great piece of hardware.



Recess Panel This door style is versatile and can work in either a contemporary or casual kitchen.



Glass Insert And Mullion Doors

By incorporating these into your kitchen, you can show off your favorite collections. When lighted inside, they can add a nice focal point to the kitchen.



Raised Panel This works great in a classic traditional kitchen. It can be used in a formal or informal kitchen.



V-groove Center Panel This door style resembles bead board and looks great in a casual cottage kitchen.



Shaker

This simple door style is perfect for a warm, casual feel.

Wood Species



Oak

A traditional choice in wood cabinets. It has an open grain pattern that may vary and include knots.



Maple This has a fairly uniform grain that can include small dots and mineral streaks.



Birch Features a moderate grain pattern that can vary from straight to wavy.



Pine Displays a close, linear grain that often includes knots of various sizes.



Hickory Contains dramatic contrasts throughout the grain, often with pecks and burls.



Cherry Features a rich, occasionally contrasting grain that darkens with age.

Laminate or Thermofoil

This is an economical choice, with a smooth surface that's durable and easy to clean.



Wood-tone finish



Glazed finish



Color-casted finish



Distressed look

Wood Finishes

Dozens of wood finishes are offered to complement your look and are available for any door style or wood species you choose.

Wood-tone Finishes

Range from natural to medium to dark.

Color-casted Finishes

More opaque, lighter tones range from muslin or opal to darker shades such as cypress or indigo.

Glazes

Hand-applied to finishes for contrast; recessed areas are highlighted while flat areas appear richer. Produces slight finish variations among doors.

Distressed Look

For a more "antique" look, cabinets can be handrubbed. Finishes will vary slightly from door to door.





Construction Details



Standard Overlay The frame on the face of the cabinet box is visible.

Cabinet Box

Plywood

Made by laminating thin layers of wood plies onto each other at right angles to the grain of the next for strength. Considered a solid-wood when covered by wood veneer.

Engineered wood

Made of wood by-products glued together under pressure. Most widely used material for cabinet box construction.

Full Overlay

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Full Overlay Doors completely cover the cabinet frame.

Drawer

Doweled or dovetail construction is stronger and more durable than joints that are nailed or glued.

Drawer/Glides

Available in three-quarter or full-extension to provide better access to the drawer's contents. Nylon rollers are standard. Upgraded ball-bearing rollers offer enhanced smoothness.

Hinges

Fully-concealed hinges are adjustable, self-closing and give a seamless look.

Review Decorative Accessories

Little things that make a big difference: Moulding details, decorative hardware, accessories, and more. To personalize your cabinetry, think about adding decorative touches. Options include:

- Corbels
- Plate racks
- Decorative mouldings
- Cabinet feet
- Glass doors

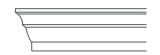


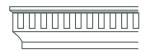








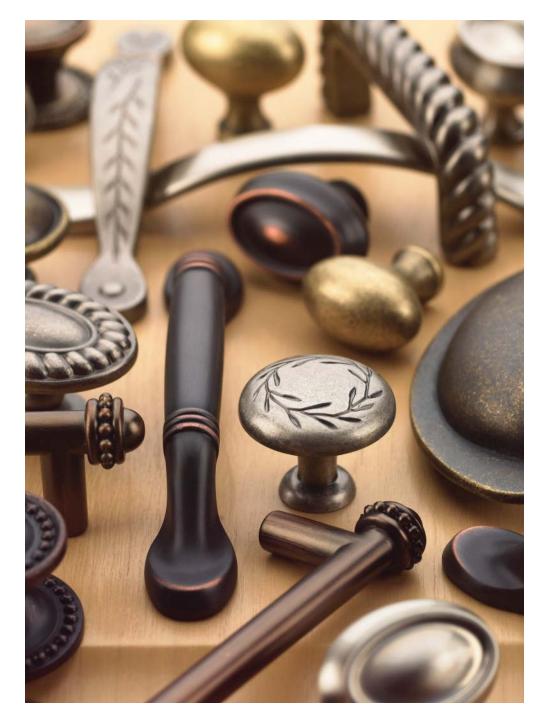






Cabinet Hardware

Think of hardware as jewelry for your cabinets. The style and finish of your selection has a defining effect on your overall look, and should coordinate with other kitchen finishes such as faucets, lighting fixtures, door hardware and appliances.



Knobs

Handles mounted to doors or drawers with a single screw and bolt. Can range in size from 3/4 in. to 2 in. in diameter.

Pulls

Serve the same purpose as knobs, but they affix to cabinets on two ends, and can greatly impact the appearance of a cabinet.

- Wider drawers may require more than one piece of hardware
- Use knobs or pulls exclusively or use both for visual variety
- Test the grasp to suit your comfort level
- D-shaped pulls are easier to use

Materials

- Stainless steel
- Antique copper
- Antique, brushed or polished brass
- Polished chrome
- Oil-rubbed bronze
- Satin or brushed nickel
- Iron
- Ceramic

Storage

Enhance the organization and convenience of your new kitchen with some of the storage options shown below.



Dish holder for drawers



Tray divider



Tiered cutlery divider plus bread drawer cover



Spice drawer insert



Spice rack



Waste and recycle baskets



Utility tray divider



Rollout tray



Pantry storage



Sinks & Faucets

Choose The Sink Format

Bowl Configuration

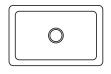
One, two, or three – explore what works for you.

Depth

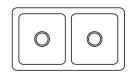
Choose bowl depth(s) based on your needs. Deeper bowls are more versatile and allow for easier cleaning of large pots. Shallow bowls are convenient for general tasks and more accessible for children. Multiple bowl sinks can vary in depth from one side to the other.

Shape

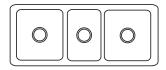
The rectangular shape is the most functional, but review other options for a different look.



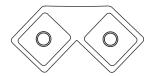
Single-bowl is a good choice if space is limited.



Double-bowls allow for washing in one, rinsing in the other. May vary in depth.



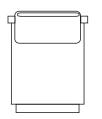
A third, smaller bowl can be used for a prep sink or disposal.



Angled double-bowls are available for corners and islands.



Round bowls are better suited for use as a prep or secondary sink.



Apron bowls lend a unique look from farmhouse rustic to sleeker more modern styles.

Select The Material

Enameled Cast Iron

Solid cast-iron sink covered in porcelain enamel for long-lasting durability.

- Available in a variety of colors
- Resists staining, chipping and scratching

Porcelain-on-steel

Lightweight steel coated in porcelain enamel for a smooth surface that remains strong under normal conditions.

- Easy to clean
- Resists heat-will not melt

Composite Materials

Quartz or granite particles combined with acrylic or polyester resins to form a rock-hard composite sink.

• Resists staining, chipping and scratching

Acrylic

Made with acrylic material and reinforced with composite backing.

- Available in a variety of colors
- Resists staining and impact

Stainless Steel

Finishes and steel thickness affect the sink's durability and its ability to disguise scratching.

- Resists burning or cracking
- Available in a variety of decorative finishes
- Some are insulated to reduce noise



Consider The Installation

Undermount

- Attaches below the countertop for a more integrated look and easy clean up
- Works best with stone or solid surface countertops
- Faucet holes are drilled into the countertop

Top-mount

- Self-rimming and easy to install
- Ideal for replacement projects
- Faucet holes are pre-drilled into the sink ledge

Integral

- Made of the same material as the solid surface countertop for a seamless appearance and easy cleanup
- Molded into the countertop
- Faucet holes are drilled into the countertop

Select The Faucet

- Two-handle faucets lend a more traditional look
- Single-handle faucet allows one-hand control for double- and triple-bowl sinks
- High-arc spout adds room to fill and clean large pots
- Pull-out and pull-down sprayers are practical and easy to use
- Lever handles are easier to grasp



Undermount



Top-mount







Stainless Steel

> White Ероху

Satin Nickel

Black Ероху





Integral

Countertops

The choice of countertop and color help define the look and functionality of your kitchen.

Choose The Material

Laminate

Made of plastic laminate sheeting glued to plywood or particle board. Smooth, durable, easy to clean. Least expensive option but may need repair or replacement sooner than a solid surface.

Ceramic Tile

Durable, easy-to-clean. Resists heat, water, bacteria and stains.

Solid Surface

Made of polyester or acrylic resins. Smooth, durable, easy to clean. Resists heat, water, bacteria and stains. Professional installation included in price. Offers integral sink options.

Natural Quartz

Made primarily of quartz combined with resins and pigments. Smooth, durable, easy to clean. Resists heat, water, bacteria, and stains; and never needs sealing. Feels like natural stone but has a more uniform appearance and offers more color choices. Professional installation included in price. Offers undermount sink options.

Granite

Smooth, durable, and easy to clean. Resists heat and water. Resists bacteria and stains but must be properly sealed and maintained. Professional installation included in price.



Lowe's guide to countertops

Countertop	Stain Resistance	Scratch Resistance	Heat Resistance	Need to Seal	Color Consistency	Inconspicuous Seams	Integrated Sink Possible	Colors Available	Warranty
Quartz		••••		No	•••	••	No	36	10-year
Solid Surface	•••	•••	••	No	••••	••••	Yes	200+	10-year
Granite	••		••••	Yes	•••	••	No	20	
•••• excellent	••• very good	• • good	fair						

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Backsplash

This can be the same material as your countertop, or opt for visual contrast with decorative tiles. Durability and easy cleaning are key considerations.

Edge Treatments

Edge profiles can be standard or customized, depending upon the surface selection and budget.

Below are just a few examples:



Bullnose





Large Roman Ogee



Round Over

GOOD TO KNOW:

There may be more than one perfect countertop for you, and you can have them all. Two or more different surfaces can work well together—a solid surface for the main counter and granite on the island, for example. Consider varying countertop heights for different purposes, such as dining, working, and casual seating.

Ogee



Flooring

Hardwood

- The natural beauty adds warmth and comfort to a room
- Available in different species, widths, colors and finishes
- Exotic species such as Brazilian Cherry and Bamboo are available
- Handscraped and distressed looks are also available
- Can be installed in any room of the house including the basement
- Many hardwood floors can be refinished

Tile

- Excellent for kitchens and bathrooms
- Unlimited color, style and texture options from rustic stone to marble. Pattern and design installation possibilities are endless.
- Easy to clean
- Fashionable, yet durable
- Available in a rougher finish for slip-prone areas
- Available in ceramic, porcelain and natural stone (marble, travertine, slate and granite)

Stone

- Natural colors and textures offer rustic, earthy appeal
- Endless pattern and design possibilities
- Slight shade variations complement one another and add beauty
- Requires sealing and regular maintenance

GOOD TO KNOW:

When choosing your wood finish, think about your color scheme. Select a finish that will contrast with cabinets and be compatible in tone.

Laminate

- Suitable for a busy and hectic lifestyle
- Available in realistic wood, tile and stone looks
- One of the fastest ways to update your floor
- A tough, clear "wearlayer" protects the surface making it extremely durable and easy to clean
- Performs well in high-traffic areas; resists water and spills
- Can be installed on any grade level
- Interlocks over virtually any subfloor, eliminating direct attachment
- Ideal for households with pets and children

Vinyl

- Stylish, versatile, durable and affordable
- Enhanced technology creates a more realistic appearance
- Comfortable underfoot, warmer and quieter than hard surface floors
- Stain resistant and groutless for easy cleaning
- · Vinyl is easy to maintain, and its resilience helps prevent denting
- Can be installed on any grade level
- Available in sheet or tile varieties



Bamboo



Brazilian Cherry



Laminate



Vinyl



Lightir

A thoughtful lighting plan can dramatically enhance your new kitchen's visual appeal as well as its functionality. The most effective kitchen illumination uses "layered" lighting-different levels and intensities of light, each designed for a specific purpose and effect.

General (Or Ambient) Lighting

Medium-level light that illuminates the entire room. Diffused or indirect; doesn't create stark shadows.

- Ceiling mounted
- Chandeliers
- Above-cabinet fixtures
- Track lighting
- Recessed cans

Task Lighting

More focused and intense, designed to illuminate specific work areas such as countertops, sinks, cooktops and islands.

- Undercabinet lights Range-hood light
- Recessed down lights • Track lighting

Accent Lighting

Used to create mood and/or to highlight specific areas or objects. Can be diffused or focused.

- Wall sconces
- Mini spotlights
- Cabinet-interior lights
- Portable lighting







Walls

Finishing touches for your kitchen can be practical as well as beautiful.

Wallcoverings

Add color, texture, pattern and durability. Choose washable styles for easy care.

Paint

A versatile and an easy-to-clean choice. Semigloss paint provides a higher sheen level than the matte look of washable flat latex.

Ceramic Tile Backsplash

Protects while it accents.

Wallboards And Paneling

Add warmth and texture to walls. Wainscotting with a chair rail is a traditional look for the kitchen and can be painted to complement wallpaper or paint.

GOOD TO KNOW:

The way you finish your walls can affect the perceived size of your kitchen. Lighter colors make a room look larger. Vertical wallpaper patterns make a ceiling look higher. Textured paint and embossed, paintable wallpaper can hide imperfections. Mixing wallcoverings and painted surfaces creates visual interest, and borders can define a room.





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Window Treatments

Kitchen window treatments provide insulation, control lighting and privacy. When making your selection, consider how easy it is to clean.

Blinds, Shutters And Shades

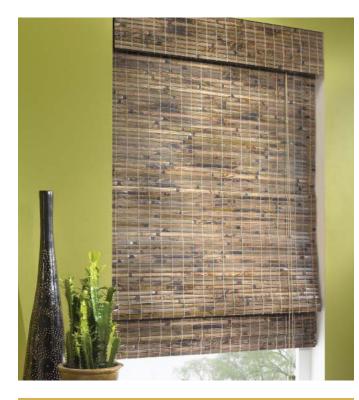
Offer maximum control of sunlight and provide privacy.

Wood Blinds

An ideal way to complement your cabinetry.

Fabric Panels And Valances

Can diffuse light, depending on sheerness. Sheers and panels add a soft effect to hard window treatments and are easily changed.



GOOD TO KNOW:

Curtain hardware can add a unique, custom touch, especially when coordinated with cabinet hardware and other finishes.



