

KITCHEN RENOVATION TOOLKIT

The kitchen is the hub of most homes. It's a place where families and friends connect. A great deal of your home time is spent in and around your kitchen. **It's where life happens.**

For this reason, a kitchen needs not only to **function to your unique specifications**, but it needs to **look great** too. We've developed this toolkit to help us **create your dream kitchen.**



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PART 1: A DAY IN THE LIFE OF YOUR KITCHEN

Let's start by looking at how your kitchen currently operates, and how each person in your family generally utilise the kitchen space on a daily basis.

For example: the kids sit at the island to do their homework and like to have access snacks; the family pet has it's meals in the kitchen and has it's own space; Dad likes to cook; Mum likes to bake; a couple likes to cook together on the weekends; an individual usually makes simple meals but likes to entertain large groups.

This toolkit can be filled out by typing directly into the designated spaces, or you can print it out and fill it in by hand. If you type your responses in, remember to save the form before closing it.

How many people live in the home?

What do the members of your household use your kitchen for?

What is your main goal for the renovation?

Resale

Update/remodel for your personal needs

Who typically prepares meals and how are they prepared (eg. standing at bench, sitting down)?

Who typically cooks the meals?

What type of cooking regularly happens in your kitchen?

Stove top

Baking

Microwave

Wok

Grill

Gourmet

Simple Weeknight Meals

Large Family Meals

Other:

What types of foods do you regularly cook?

Meat

Fish

Vegetables

Where do you usually eat your meals?

Kitchen Bench

Dining Room

Living Room

Other:

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How often do you shop for groceries?

Weekly Fortnightly Monthly Other:

What type of things do you store in your pantry?

Do you currently have adequate storage space for all your groceries? Yes No

In a typical day, from wake-up until lights out...

When do you go to the kitchen?

What do you do there?

What appliances do you use all the time?

What do you regularly remove from cabinets?

What do you rarely use?

What is easy to reach?

What is difficult to reach?

What activities take place in the kitchen besides cooking?

Planning (paying bills/sorting mail)

Entertainment (watching TV/crafts/games)

Work

Laundry

Sewing

Other:

What are your biggest concerns about renovating your kitchen?

If your kitchen was designed differently do you think you would use it more? Yes No

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PART 2: LET ME ENTERTAIN YOU

Another important factor to consider in designing your new kitchen is how you would like it to function when hosting dinners, parties and other occasions. Whether these situations occur on a regular basis or infrequently in your home, the kitchen plays a huge part and may be important to consider how you would like to function during these moments.

How often do you have guests over for a dinner/party/family occasion, etc?

When you are hosting a dinner...

What kind of food do you typically prepare (eg. plated meals, guests serve themselves, multiple courses, etc)?

What equipment do you frequently use most?

What challenges, if any, do you currently face getting the meal on the table?

When you're entertaining multiple guests, how does your kitchen function?

Will the kitchen be party central, or do you prefer that guests eat in another designated space away from all the food preparation?

Party Central

Stay out of my kitchen, I'm working here!

Do you like your guest to join you in food preparation? Yes No

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PART 3: LIVING THE DREAM

Lets find out a little bit about how your dream kitchen would look to you. First we'll look at what you like about your current kitchen, then we'll work out what you would like to change and add to the layout to pin down exactly how your dream kitchen should look and operate.

What do you like about your current kitchen?

What doesn't work with the current layout?

What features do you feel are missing in your kitchen?

How is your kitchen's cabinet space and storage?

Overkill

Adequate

Lacking

Where will I put all this stuff?!

Are there any energy efficient or water-saving features are you interested in adding?

What colours do you envision in your kitchen? Do you prefer traditional white, muted tones, bold colours, woodgrains, or a combination of these?

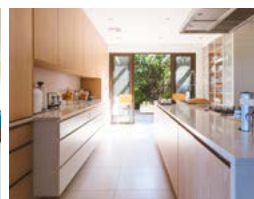
What is the general style of your ideal kitchen?



Classic



Modern



Natural



Glamour



Bold

Other:

PART 4: GETTING YOUR PRIORITIES STRAIGHT

Things that are most important you are not always the things that are most important to everyone. Everyone being on that same page with regards to the important aspects of your kitchen renovation is a great step towards helping everything run as smoothly as possible.

Number these common reasons for renovating in order of priority for you:
(with 1 being the most important and 9 being less important)

- Increasing resale value
- Adding more counter space
- Reconfiguring cabinets and storage
- Updating appliances
- Improving kitchen layout
- Updating color or style
- Incorporating new technology
- Improving energy and water efficiency
- A more ideal space to express your passion for cooking

What are your personal top five priorities for your kitchen renovation?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

Have you established a general budget for your renovaton?

No Yes... Approximate Budget: \$



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PART 5: ANYTHING, AND EVERYTHING, ELSE

Is there something important to you that we haven't touched on in this form? This is the place for you to add anything you feel may be integral to creating your dream kitchen.

THE END

Thank you for taking the time to fill in our Kitchen Renovation Toolkit. We look forward to working with you to create your dream kitchen!

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