

A Kitchen Remodeling Guide by



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Introduction

Thank you for checking out A Granite MD's e-book for all your kitchen remodeling needs. We have gathered and compiled information about the different elements taken into account in a kitchen remodeling project.

We hope that this one stop e-book can provide answers to all your kitchen remodeling questions and expand your knowledge so that you have familiarity once you decide to go with your kitchen remodeling plans.

A good kitchen is a functional and efficient kitchen. We are here to help you achieve the best and most ideal kitchen for you. Once again, thank you and we hope that we have provided you an excellent service with this e-book. Without further ado, let's begin.

How to find out if it's Time for a Kitchen Remodel

What are the signs that you need a kitchen remodel? The two major factors are functionality and design. If parts of your kitchen are becoming more of a hindrance than a function or if the design or layout isn't really working for you, then it's probably time for a kitchen remodel. Here are some specific examples:

When there are a lot of things needed to be fixed

If there's a leak in your sink, if your cabinet doors are barely hanging on the hinges, or if parts of the kitchen are falling apart, then there's no question: you need a remodel.

When your family is outgrowing your home

Some families start with a small kitchen, and sometimes it just couldn't keep up. Wear and tear from daily kitchen activities can cause a toll for the kitchen, and if it gets too much, then a remodel might be a good solution.

When the kitchen layout is out of date

It may be better to create a more efficient and ergonomic kitchen layout. Old homes with old kitchen designs may not be able to accommodate the modern kitchen appliances, and a remodel can be a solution for that.

You're planning to sell your house

A new fully functioning kitchen can boost your house's value by a considerable amount, and a new kitchen is one of the highest selling points of houses in the market.

The design just doesn't work for you

Perhaps you just bought a new house but don't like the kitchen style, or perhaps the house just outgrew the kitchen style, you can always opt for a remodel with a new kitchen design.

Where to Start

When you decide that it's finally time for a kitchen remodel, you have a number of things to consider from the design, budget, layout, materials, and timeline. Before all of that though, we advise you to take time to do the following:

Consider hiring professionals

There are experts in the field that can provide you their knowledge and expertise and prevent you from doing any major mistakes in your remodeling project.

Do your research

Like what you're doing right now, you can browse for ideas on magazines and websites, and save any ideas that you can get in your device. You'll soon have an idea on what design works best for you taste.

Plan your layout based on your cooking style

You can always incorporate your cooking style to your design and make it more efficient for you when you are cooking. It's also a good idea to look at the appliances that would work best with you and incorporate them as well in your kitchen layout.

Write it all down

Write down all your ideas to keep track of them, and it's also advisable to create a checklist for things you want to include in your kitchen.

Kitchen Design Options

One of the biggest factors to implement in your kitchen remodel is the kitchen style. From a wide array of colors, themes, and designs, you can never run out of design options for kitchen remodeling.

With all the available patterns, colors, and materials available, you have all the ability to mix and match the designs that you want. Here are some central kitchen designs that you can get ideas from:

Traditional Kitchen

This is the kitchen design that stands the test of time. It has a simple, homely atmosphere with the warm design of wood elements and white tones for brighter, more spacious effect.



Wooden cabinets with its natural color or painted white are classic options for a traditional kitchen. Stone or tile flooring with earth tones as well hard wood flooring are also popular elements of a traditional kitchen.

Modern Kitchen

This kitchen style is built for efficiency. Straight, angular, and streamlined design are key elements to the design, as well as the stark contrast of dark and bright tones between the flooring, cabinets, ceiling, and walls.



Streamlined cabinets from engineered wood are common in modern kitchens with its smooth designs. Natural stone flooring and countertops works best with modern kitchens, though wood flooring is not uncommon.

Themed Kitchen

This option has a very wide variety and usually has a combination of both traditional and modern elements. Inspiration can come from hobbies, locations, and an unlimited number of sources.



Rustic kitchens with warm atmosphere, craftsman kitchens that are both warm and efficient, the ever changing contemporary kitchen that goes with the current design trends, are some of the most common examples.

Finding materials for your kitchen design is not a problem as materials from every design are not uncommon. The only thing you have to worry about is the design you want to choose.

Remodeling Options

The project scales of kitchen remodeling vary from a simple kitchen face lift to a complete overhaul. We have classified three of the most common types.

Visual Enhancement

Keeping the kitchen layout the same, you can enhance the visible surfaces, giving a new fresh look without doing any major renovations. This includes flooring and countertop replacements, installation of lighting, refinishing cabinets, and repainting the walls.

For those with budget constraints but want a new look to their kitchen, this option is the best one.

Kitchen Upgrade

This option also keeps the layout of the kitchen but includes installation or replacement of cabinets, kitchen sink and faucet, countertops, and backsplash. This may also include new lighting, flooring, tiles, and paint.

This is best for those who want a new design with new elements, but keeping the familiar kitchen that they have.

Complete Kitchen Renovation

Those who want a complete overhaul for their kitchen and wants it fully customized, this is the best option. This may include completely redesigning the kitchen layout to complete upgrade of hardware.

This is also the best time to invest in custom cabinets, some electrical rewiring, flooring and plumbing upgrades, building a kitchen island, and high end kitchen appliances.

Space Planning

Once you decided on which option you want, it's time to consider the layout of your kitchen. Most kitchen remodels are optimized for efficiency: even if you can't change the floor plan, you can still remodel your kitchen as efficiently as possible.

If you can't change your current layout, it's not a problem. Just set up the three following work zones in your kitchen, and it's guaranteed to make things more efficient:

- **Food Preparation Area** – kitchen counter or island with easy access to the refrigerator and kitchen utensils.
- **Cooking Area** – stove, oven, cooking range with the cooking utensils and spice rack within reach.
- **Cleaning Area** – the sink, close to the dishwasher or dish rack.

If you are going for a full kitchen renovation, then you can have new floor plan. You can choose from a number of different layouts, but here are the best ones.

U-shaped Kitchen

This floor plan maximizes the space of your kitchen by keeping the areas close together. All you have to do is turn your heels and you can work from one area to another.

Galley Kitchen

The perfect layout for a narrow space, the galley kitchen provides two parallel counters with work areas and kitchen appliances along with it. Just turn around and everything is within reach.

L-shaped Kitchen

This layout offers more flexibility in placing your kitchen appliances. This also gives an extra space for a dining table or a kitchen island, while the “L” shape still provides close proximity to the major work areas.

G-shaped Kitchen

This kitchen layout maximizes the space just as the U-shaped kitchen does, with the added area that can be transformed into a bar or an extra kitchen workspace.

Materials

With a theme and a layout in mind, it’s time to plan the actual designs. It all comes down to the design of the materials that you choose, and how you incorporate them in your kitchen.

Cabinets

Custom cabinets work best since it can fit both the layout of your kitchen and the design you have in mind precisely. Base and wall cabinets are almost always a must for every kitchen, and you can also install tall cabinets.

You can customize them for storage options to serve as pantries, spice racks, or to have lazy susans; but one of the most important is to get the cabinet door design perfect for your kitchen design.

Countertops

Natural stone countertops like granite, marble, and limestone are durable, sturdy, beautiful, and are popular choices for countertops. Quartz countertops are made from 95% quartz crystals and 5% resin that makes it as durable as the natural stones, but more flexible.

Some other countertop choices include ceramic and porcelain tiles, hard wood, solid surface, laminate, and even recycled glass. All the counter top options have a wide selection of colors and patterns to choose from; and all are stain, scratch, and water resistant, though in varying degrees.

Appliances

The measurements of the appliances have to be taken into account in your kitchen remodel and if you are planning to replace them, then the best time to do it is before the remodeling project.

Any unattractive wiring or ventilation systems can be easily concealed during the remodeling as well.

Backsplash

A wide variety of colors, patterns, shapes, and sizes means you can find one that fits your kitchen design. Its decorative feature can enhance your work area's visual appeal.

Lighting

Aside from the extensive options for general lighting designs, you can also opt for under wall cabinet lighting for your work areas, and it adds a decorative effect as well. You can also choose energy saving lights while you're at it.

Flooring

Wood flooring has always been a very beautiful and popular choice, as well as natural stone and porcelain tiles since all are sturdy and low maintenance. It can all come down to the design element when it comes to choosing the right one.

Average Cost

The average cost of a kitchen remodel is hard to pinpoint, with so many variables to consider. There are small scale projects that are very low cost, and the upscale projects with premium materials can cost up to \$45,000.

Home Advisor, a leading home improvement website, has provided a range of average cost of kitchen remodels based on the projects of its members.

The results show that most homeowners spend between \$11,371 to \$28,853 on an average kitchen remodeling project. The lowest reported project cost only \$5,000 and the highest at \$45,000.

Breakdown of Costs

It's important for a customer to know where the spent money goes in the kitchen remodeling process. The biggest percentage usually goes to the hardware, appliances, and installation, which make up about 60% of the total cost.

National Kitchen and Bath Association is an association of kitchen and bath professionals. They have created a cost breakdown from the input of its members.

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| Cabinetry and hardware: | 29% |
| Installation cost: | 17% |
| Appliances and ventilation: | 14% |
| Countertops: | 10% |
| Flooring: | 7% |
| Walls and ceilings: | 5% |
| Lighting: | 5% |
| Doors and windows: | 4% |

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| Faucets and plumbing: | 4% |
| Design fees: | 4% |
| Other fees: | 1% |

Schedule

Scheduling a kitchen remodeling project is very critical so that the project can finish on time. Having in the business for 15 years, we can provide you an approximate timeline for an average kitchen remodeling project.

- Consultation and proposal: 1 week
- Finalizing project terms and agreement: 2 weeks
- Selection of materials and delivery: 4 to 5 weeks
- Pulling down of site and preparation: 1 week
- Installation, plumbing and electrical work: 5 weeks

Summary

With proper planning and execution, you can have a successful kitchen remodeling project in just a few weeks. Planning is especially important, as most of the decisions are made in that stage. From the project scale, budget, layout, design, and schedule, everything starts in the planning stage.

We hope that we have done you a great service with our guide, and you can give us a call if you want to set up a consultation so we can help you further.

Resources

The following are resources recommendations for your kitchen remodeling needs:

1. A Granite MD - Full service, family owned, remodeling company specializing in granite, quartz, and marble counter and vanity tops.
702 - 868 - 6114
<http://www.agranitemd.com/>
NV LIC # 0056991 BID LIMIT \$500,000
NV LIC # 0069430 BID LIMIT \$150,000
2. Best Buy Cabinets – Full service, family owned, remodeling company specializing in custom kitchen and bathroom cabinets.
4330 W Tompkins Ave, Las Vegas, Nevada 89103
702 - 650 - 0445
<http://cabinets.vegas/>
License #0080346

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