

# **Planning for a Kitchen & Bath Upgrade**

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Are you considering a kitchen or bathroom remodel? Upfront planning goes a long way in achieving your dream renovation. Working with a reputable Designer backed by an experienced installation team will ensure the project is done properly and completed in a timely manner.

## **1. Understand Your Space.**

- Are you currently using it the way it was intended or are there workarounds?
- What limitations exist?
- Which area(s) work well and which need help?
- How outdated are the fixtures or appliances? Is replacement on the near horizon?
- Do you feel like your kitchen or bathroom is on par with others in your neighborhood?
- Will the room add to or detract from the possible sale of your home?

## **2. Identify Your Needs.**

- Do you want to remove or reduce the wall between your kitchen and dining room?
- Do you entertain often?
- Are you looking to add an island?
- Do you have enough storage space?
- Do you have sit-down dinners regularly?
- Is there enough countertop space?
- Do you have a design style or aesthetic that you would like to incorporate?
- How many family members share the bathroom?
- Do you have enough linen and towel storage?
- Do you need to convert a tub to a shower?
- Will a double sink in your bathroom speed up your morning routine?
- Will the bathroom be used by a more elderly family member?

## **3. Identify Your Budget.**

- What is a comfortable and realistic investment level for you?
- Does that number include appliances, if it's a kitchen remodel?
- If you plan on moving out during the renovation, make sure to factor in those costs.
- Do you need, or have you secured, financing?

## **4. Consult an Expert.**

- Enlist the services of a reputable remodeler with in-house Designers to create a space that meets your needs.
- Confirm that the installation team are employees of the company providing the design and are adequately insured for any situation which may arise.
- Ensure that the installers are very experienced with kitchens and/or bath. Being a general contractor doesn't guarantee that there is depth of knowledge in this particular area.
- Don't be afraid to ask for references.

- Make sure that the company you use has a strong track record with many years of experience so there are less surprises from the start and less risk of add-on charges.
- Ask questions throughout the process.

## 5. Have Fun & Enjoy the Process!

