

KITCHENS



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Fall In Love With Your Kitchen All Over Again...

When you make the decision to remodel your kitchen, you'll have a lot of choices. First, you'll want a design that accommodates your lifestyle, your budget, and the way you cook and use your kitchen space. Second, you'll need to select a contractor that will work with you side-by-side for the duration. In this guide, we provide a list of ideas, a few checklists, and some inspiration to help you on your way.

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CONSIDERATIONS

When embarking on a kitchen remodeling project, the choice of materials plays a pivotal role in defining the aesthetics, functionality, and longevity of the space. High-quality materials, such as durable countertops, elegant cabinetry, and attractive flooring, are key elements that can elevate your kitchen to new heights. In this article, we will delve into the significance of using high-quality materials in kitchen remodeling projects and how they enhance both the aesthetics and durability of this vital space.

- 1.Enhanced Aesthetics: High-quality materials bring a refined and luxurious appearance to your kitchen. They exude elegance and contribute to a visually stunning and cohesive design.
- 2.Longevity: Durability is a hallmark of high-quality materials. Investing in these materials ensures that your kitchen stands the test of time, with minimal wear and tear even in the face of daily use.
- 3.Functionality: High-quality materials often offer superior functionality. From easy-to-clean surfaces to sturdy cabinetry, they enhance the practicality of your kitchen.
- 4.Increased Property Value: A kitchen with high-quality materials can significantly boost the resale value of your home, making it a wise investment in the long run.
- 5.Environmental Sustainability: Many high-quality materials are sourced and manufactured with sustainability in mind, reducing their impact on the environment.

Cabinets.

Remodeling a kitchen involves numerous decisions, and one of the most critical choices is selecting the right cabinets. Cabinets not only provide essential storage but also significantly impact the kitchen's aesthetic appeal and functionality. When considering cabinet options for a kitchen remodel, several types stand out, each offering unique features, materials, and styles to suit different preferences and budgets.



(Above) Stock Cabinets: Stock cabinets are pre-made in standard sizes and configurations, making them readily available for purchase from home improvement stores or online retailers. They are affordable and come in various finishes, styles, and materials, making them suitable for budget-conscious remodelers. However, stock cabinets may lack customization options and may not fit perfectly in all kitchen layouts.



Semi-custom cabinets offer a balance between affordability and customization. While they are pre-manufactured like stock cabinets, they allow for some degree of customization in terms of materials, finishes, sizes, and storage features. Homeowners can choose from a range of options to better suit their kitchen layout and design preferences.

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1. **Custom Cabinets:** Custom cabinets are tailor-made to fit specific kitchen dimensions, layouts, and design preferences. They offer the highest level of personalization, allowing homeowners to choose the materials, finishes, hardware, and storage solutions according to their exact specifications. They tend to be the most expensive option due to the craftsmanship and materials involved.
2. **Frameless Cabinets:** Also known as European-style cabinets, frameless cabinets offer a sleek, modern appearance characterized by full-overlay doors and drawers that cover the entire cabinet frame. These cabinets provide maximum accessibility and storage space since there is no face frame to obstruct access. Frameless cabinets are popular in contemporary and minimalist kitchen designs.
3. **Inset Cabinets:** Inset cabinets feature doors and drawers that are set flush with the cabinet frame, creating a seamless and traditional look. This style requires precise craftsmanship to achieve precise alignment and fit. Inset cabinets offer a timeless aesthetic and are often associated with classic and elegant kitchen designs.
4. **Shaker Cabinets:** Shaker cabinets are characterized by their simple, clean lines and minimalist design. They feature recessed panel doors and drawer fronts with square edges, making them versatile and suitable for various kitchen styles, from traditional to contemporary. Shaker cabinets are popular for their timeless appeal and ability to blend seamlessly with different design elements.
5. **Open Shelving:** While not technically cabinets, open shelving has gained popularity in modern kitchen designs to offer a minimalist and airy look. They require meticulous organization and maintenance to keep the kitchen looking neat and cohesive.

Details

Millwork and trim play a crucial role in elevating kitchen design by adding depth, character, and architectural interest to the space. Incorporating millwork, such as crown molding, baseboards, and paneling, can enhance the overall aesthetic appeal of the kitchen, transforming it from ordinary to extraordinary. Whether embracing a traditional, transitional, or contemporary style, thoughtful use of millwork and trim lends a sense of craftsmanship and refinement, making the kitchen a welcoming and inviting space for cooking, dining, and entertaining.



- 1: Built In Appliances
- 2: Oversized Island
- 3: Custom Hood
- 4: Coffered ceiling with dental molding
- 5: Pot Filler
- 6: Paneled Refrigerator
- 7: Lighting

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Color

The use of color in renovating a kitchen can completely transform its atmosphere and visual appeal. Incorporating bold accent colors through elements like backsplashes, cabinets, or kitchen accessories can infuse personality and vibrancy into the space, adding visual interest and making a stylish statement. Leaning to neutrals or whites can evoke feelings of clean, calm.



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Color

Your kitchen design is totally transformed with the colors you choose for cabinetry, flooring, backsplash, and countertops. Lighting also makes a dramatic impact!



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more than just kitchens.



Adding buffets, wet bars, and extending kitchens into dining rooms during a renovation can significantly enhance the functionality and value of your kitchen space. Buffets provide additional storage and serving space, allowing for convenient organization and presentation of dining essentials. Wet bars offer a dedicated area for beverage preparation and entertaining, elevating the kitchen's hosting capabilities, while extending kitchens into dining rooms creates a seamless flow and encourages social interaction, making the space feel more expansive and accommodating for gatherings.



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Planning for a *Great* experience

Thinking ahead and planning meticulously before embarking on a kitchen remodel offers numerous benefits that can streamline the process and ensure a successful outcome. Firstly, thorough planning allows homeowners to clarify their goals, priorities, and budget constraints, enabling them to make informed decisions and avoid costly mistakes later on. By carefully considering factors such as layout, functionality, and design preferences in advance, individuals can create a cohesive vision for their ideal kitchen and identify potential challenges or opportunities for improvement. Moreover, planning ahead enables homeowners to coordinate with contractors, suppliers, and designers more effectively, ensuring that the project stays on schedule and within budget. Ultimately, investing time and effort into comprehensive planning sets the stage for a smoother, more efficient, and ultimately satisfying kitchen remodel experience.

PLANNING

1. Make a pinterest idea board.
2. Interview Contractors using the questions below.
3. How will you pay for the project? Ask about financing.
4. Prioritize wants/needs for value-engineering options to fit your budget.

QUESTIONS TO ASK CONTRACTORS

- How many years of experience do you have and how long have you been in business?
- Proof of workers compensation and general liability insurance.
- What current licenses do you hold?
- Who will be supervising the project?
- How do you minimize disruption and dust?
- What is a realistic timeframe and how will we cook and eat during the renovation?
- What type of warranty is offered?
- References of customers and trade suppliers.
- Check the local BBB for rating and complaint history.
- How will you keep my project on-time and on-budget?
- When do I need to make selections?
- How does your remodeling process work?

OTHER DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS

- What existing walls or bulkheads must be considered?
- Does the flow from the kitchen to the rest of the house need to be improved?
- Can the kitchen be opened up to create a larger space?
- Do you need an area dedicated to homeowk?
- Do you entertain? Wine cabinets or food prep area?
- Is the dining room utilized effectively based on your lifestyle or can it be converted into more usable space?
- Is there an area near the kitchen that leads outside? How will you minimize dirt and clutter?

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Budget

Design Preferences

Cabinets

Finish? Color? Door Style?

Sink(s)

How many? Types?

Backsplash

Style? Type? Color?

Backsplash Style? Type? Color?

Refrigerator(s)

How many? Brand? Color? Style?

Dishwasher(s)

How many? Brand? Color?

Stove or Oven(s) & Cooktop

How many? Gas? Electric? Propane?

Microwave? Built-In or Drawer Style?

Wine Cooler?

Warming Drawers??

Countertops? Type? Multiple Surfaces?

Flooring?

Plumbing Fixtures? Features?

Lighting? Style? Finishes?

Hardware? Style? Finishes?



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Chris Parker is EXCEPTIONALLY organized and does extremely high quality work. Not only did he stay on schedule – juggling multiple sub-contractors and aspects of the work to be done simultaneously – he actually completed the job earlier than projected!

-- Lynne

The Parker Design Build Remodel team provided an exceptional experience. They were timely, from the beginning with estimates, blueprints, scheduling and completing our project. They were clean professional and detailed. We receive constant compliments about our basement remodel. We would recommend them to anyone looking for home improvement needs. We enjoyed working with their team.

-- Ashley

I wish I could give 10 stars! I can't speak more highly of Chris Parker and the entire Parker Design Build Remodel team. I can't describe how overly detailed, timely, and responsive Chris is. If we had any questions or concerns about the project, finishings, etc. Chris would respond at all hours of the day and drive to our home to chat in person. We had an aggressive timeline for the project and a set budget. Chris was able to deliver ahead of schedule and was honest with us about where the best value was in our remodeling ideas so we could remain on budget.

-- Kara

After interviewing several contractors, we entrusted Parker Design Build Remodel with a project near and dear to our hearts—remodeling a 120-year old home that has been in our family for years. He was like a conductor, orchestrating a million little projects and subcontractors within the bigger project.

-- Aiimee

Easily the best contractor we have ever worked with. Chris and the team were reliable, trustworthy, and exceeded every commitment from project quotation to completion. We renovated the first two stories of a 1928 home in Roland Park where nothing is straightforward and it's important to maintain the historical integrity/quality of the home – his team did all that and more.

--Corey

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