



Planning Your Kitchen

Before beginning your project, it's important to know what it is you really want and need from your new kitchen. Answer the questions below to discover the considerations and possibilities that are available to you. Give this information to your designer when you meet – it will help them create the kitchen of your dreams.

General

- ✓ What is your budget? For your project? For your cabinets?
- ✓ What do you like most about your current kitchen?
- ✓ What do you dislike most about your kitchen?
- ✓ What is the overall style preference for your kitchen (contemporary, formal, traditional, country, other)?
- ✓ What type of wood do you want to see in your kitchen? Type of door style and finish (stain, paint, etc.)?

Use

- ✓ What is your lifestyle? Do you spend a lot of time in the kitchen?
- ✓ Do you need a place within the kitchen for laundry, homework, paying bills, computer center?
- ✓ Do you eat most of your meals as a family or in smaller groups?
- ✓ Do you entertain frequently? When you do, is the kitchen the focal point?
- ✓ Will you need a sit down eating area in the kitchen?

Cooking/Preparation Areas

- ✓ Is there one primary cook in the family or multiple members?
- ✓ What type of cooking do you do most (quick and simple, family meals, gourmet meals, microwave meals)?
- ✓ Do you need a special area for food preparation or baking?

Storage

- ✓ How do you usually shop (by meal, for the week, in bulk)?
- ✓ Do you need storage for books, pantry items, spices, pots and pans, small appliances, wine, trash and recycling?
- ✓ Do you want to display fine china, stemware or collectibles in your kitchen? If so, would you like open shelving or glass doors?

Lighting

- ✓ Do you need additional task lighting in specific work areas? More lighting overall?
- ✓ Do you want under cabinet lighting?

Other Considerations

- ✓ Are your appliances in good working order or will you need new, energy-efficient models?
- ✓ What type of countertops do you envision?
- ✓ Will you need new flooring?