

KITCHEN REMODELING CHECKLIST

Phase 1: Define Your Goals

- ☐ Define why you are remodeling (function, style, resale, or a mix)
- ☐ List current kitchen pain points (storage, layout, counters, traffic)
- ☐ Identify who uses the kitchen and how
- ☐ Decide if this is a short-term or long-term home
- ☐ Write clear success criteria for the remodel

Phase 2: Set a Realistic Budget

- ☐ Set total target budget
- ☐ Set contingency buffer (10–20%)
- ☐ Allocate budget to cabinets, appliances, labor, finishes
- ☐ Decide where to splurge vs. save
- ☐ Account for permits, delivery, disposal, and labor costs

Phase 3: Define the Scope

- ☐ Decide if remodel is cosmetic, partial, or full gut
- ☐ Confirm if walls are moving
- ☐ Confirm plumbing or electrical changes
- ☐ Identify required permits and inspections
- ☐ Align scope with timeline and budget

Phase 4: Measure & Document Existing Kitchen

- ☐ Measure all walls and ceiling height
- ☐ Document doors, windows, and trim
- ☐ Record outlet, plumbing, gas, and HVAC locations
- ☐ Take photos from multiple angles
- ☐ Save all measurements and photos in one place

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Phase 5: Plan Layout & Workflow

- ☐ Evaluate kitchen work triangle
- ☐ Check traffic flow and walkways
- ☐ Plan island clearances and seating
- ☐ Confirm landing space near appliances
- ☐ Plan storage based on cooking habits

Phase 6: Choose Cabinets

- ☐ Choose cabinet type (stock, semi-custom, custom)
- ☐ Select door style and finish
- ☐ Confirm storage accessories and hardware
- ☐ Review molding and toe-kick details
- ☐ Confirm cabinet lead times

Phase 7: Select Countertops & Surfaces

- ☐ Choose countertop material
- ☐ Select edge profile
- ☐ Choose backsplash material and height
- ☐ Select sink type and size
- ☐ Confirm installation sequence

Phase 8: Plan Appliances & Fixtures

- ☐ Confirm appliance sizes and specs
- ☐ Decide on panel-ready vs. standard appliances
- ☐ Confirm ventilation requirements
- ☐ Select sink and faucet
- ☐ Finalize rough-in locations

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Phase 9: Lighting & Electrical Planning

- ☐ Plan ambient, task, and accent lighting
- ☐ Confirm under-cabinet lighting
- ☐ Confirm outlet placement and code compliance
- ☐ Coordinate lighting with cabinet layout
- ☐ Review lighting controls and dimmers

Phase 10: Hire Professionals

- ☐ Get multiple quotes
- ☐ Verify licenses and insurance
- ☐ Confirm scope of work
- ☐ Review timeline and milestones
- ☐ Confirm cabinet installation experience

Phase 11: Permits, Ordering & Scheduling

- ☐ Confirm permits and inspections
- ☐ Order long-lead items early
- ☐ Confirm delivery and storage plans
- ☐ Schedule trades in correct sequence
- ☐ Build buffer time into schedule

Phase 12: Prepare Your Home

- ☐ Set up a temporary kitchen
- ☐ Protect floors and furniture
- ☐ Plan for dust and noise
- ☐ Adjust daily routines
- ☐ Prepare pets and children



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Phase 13: During the Remodel

- ☐ Inspect cabinet installation
- ☐ Check alignment, level, and finish
- ☐ Report damage immediately
- ☐ Confirm changes in writing
- ☐ Stay engaged without micromanaging

Phase 14: Final Walkthrough

- ☐ Check cabinet doors and drawers
- ☐ Verify hardware installation
- ☐ Test appliances, lighting, and outlets
- ☐ Review touch-ups and punch list
- ☐ Collect warranties and care instructions

