

Kitchen Planning

Family and Lifestyle

1. Number of family members: ____

2. Number and approximate ages of family members:

__ infants __ young children __ teens
__ 20 to 30 yrs __ 31 to 40 yrs __ 41 to 50 yrs
__ 51 to 60 yrs __ 61 to 70 yrs __ 70+

3. If your family has young children, will they be using the kitchen frequently?

__ Yes __ No

4. How long do you plan on living in the home you are remodeling/building?

__ 1 to 5 yrs __ 6 to 10 yrs __ 11 to 20 yrs __ 20+

5. Where does your family eat its meals?

__ Kitchen __ Dining Room
__ Other _____

6. Where will your family eat after you remodel/build?

__ Kitchen __ Dining Room
__ Other: _____

7. Do you require a kitchen table or would you be willing to explore other options if a design could be improved?

__ A kitchen table is required
__ A kitchen table is preferred but open to other options
__ A kitchen table is not necessary

8. What other activities will take place in your new kitchen?

__ Laundry __ Homework __ Watching TV
__ Paying Bills __ Sewing __ Computer Center
__ Other: _____

9. After your remodel/build will you entertain frequently? __ Yes __ No

If Yes...

What is your entertainment style? __ formal __ informal

Do you have large or small gatherings?

Do your guests help you in the kitchen when you entertain? Yes No

10. How do you shop?

For the week Buy in bulk and freeze
 For each meal Buy non-perishable items in bulk

If you buy in bulk, do you require storage in the kitchen for all or most of these items?

Yes No

Cooking Style

1. Who is the primary cook? _____

2. Is the primary cook left handed or right handed?

3. How tall is the primary cook? _____

4. What is the primary cook's cooking style?

Gourmet Meals Family Meals
 Quick & Simple Meals Baking
 Bringing Meals Home

5. What does the primary cook prefer?

No one else in the kitchen while preparing meals.
 A helper in the kitchen when preparing meals.
 Family or friends visiting during meal preparation.

6. Does the primary cook have any physical limitations?

Yes No

7. Who is the secondary cook? _____

8. Do the secondary and primary cook prepare meals together? Yes No

9. Is the secondary cook left handed or right handed?

10. How tall is the secondary cook? _____

11. What are the secondary cook's responsibilities?

Preparing side dishes Clean up
 Assist in preparing main course

12. Does the secondary cook have any physical limitations? _____

Design and Style

1. What are your color preferences for your new kitchen?

2. Are there colors you would not want in your new kitchen?

3. Have you created a scrapbook of notes, photos, and ideas that you would like to use in your new kitchen?

Yes No

4. If a design could be greatly improved, would you be willing to make structural changes? (i.e. moving windows, doors, and walls)?

Absolutely not I would consider it

5. Does the kitchen relate to adjacent rooms the way you would like?

6. Is the view from the kitchen to the outside where you would like it to be?

7. Is there a casual dining/conversation area in the room?

8. Is the kitchen arranged so that “people traffic” is directed away from the cook’s activities?

9. What do you like about your current kitchen?

10. What do you dislike about your current kitchen?

11. Do you require a recycling center in your kitchen? Yes No

If Yes...

How many items do you need to sort? ____

12. Will you be keeping your existing appliances?

Dishwasher: existing new

Refrigerator: existing new

Oven/Range: existing new

13. What is your style preference for your new kitchen?

contemporary formal

country traditional

Cabinetry

1. What type of finishes are you considering for your cabinetry?

painted stained

2. Any preferences on wood species?

maple cherry hickory alder oak other: _____

3. What type of door style appeals to you?

4. Do you like time-saving features such as roll-out shelves, divided drawers, and lazy susans?

5. How do you prefer to store your small appliances?

6. Do you have preferences on hardware?

Countertops

1. Do you currently have enough counter space?

2. Do you have a specific countertop material in mind for your kitchen?

Lighting

1. Do you currently have task lighting above the countertop? Would you like it?

2. Is there an attractive light fixture in the eating area?

3. Are light switches located where you need them?

4. Do you have enough electrical outlets?

Mechanical/Appliances

1. Is there good ventilation in the cooking area? Yes_____ No_____

2. Do you like the shape of your sink?

3. Based on the way you cook and the way your family uses the kitchen, is the sink conveniently located?

4. Do you have a disposal? _____

5. Do you have a microwave oven that is conveniently located?

6. Is your refrigerator/freezer large enough? _____

7. Based on the way you cook and the way your family uses the kitchen, is the refrigerator conveniently located?

8. Based on the way you cook, are the oven and cook top located where you want them?

9. What color are or will your appliances be?

Time and Budget

1. When would you like to begin your project?

2. When would you like your project completed?

3. If you are building, is the kitchen in your contract?

Yes No

4. Do you have a budget for this project?

Yes: \$ _____ No

5. If you are building, do you have an allowance for kitchens and countertops?
