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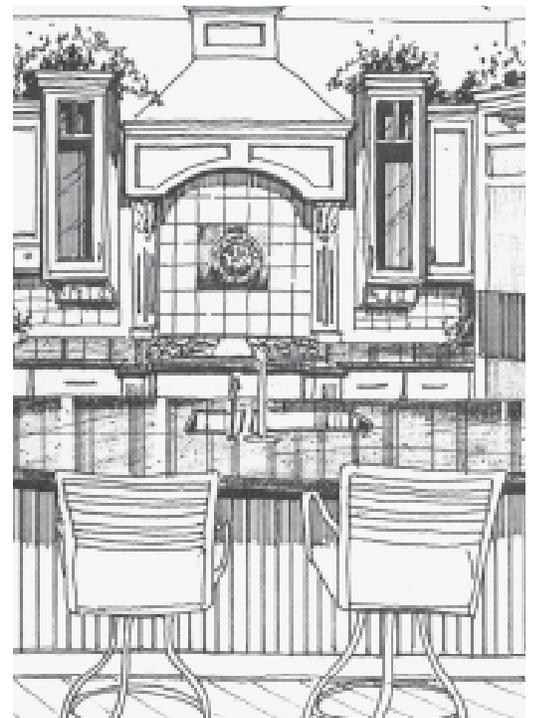
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Kitchen Planning Guide



PHASE ONE: PLANNING

Remodeling your kitchen requires careful planning. You'll need to gather inspiration, take measurements and determine your budget before meeting with a designer. At Affordable Kitchens and Baths, we follow a simple four- step process to make planning simple.

1 IDENTIFY YOUR NEEDS

Your kitchen should reflect your unique needs, style and character. We offer cabinets and fixtures in many styles with a multitude of features to make your remodel one-of-a-kind. You can identify your needs by answering a series of simple questions:

1. How much counter space will I need?

2. Will I need special storage?

3. What style cabinets do I want?

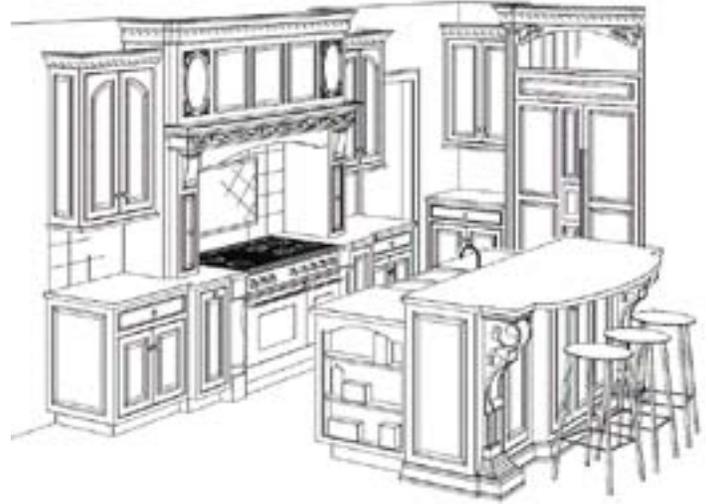
4. Do I need appliances?

5. How much storage will I need?

6. Do I want special features?

7. What color cabinets do I want?

8. How many sinks do I need?

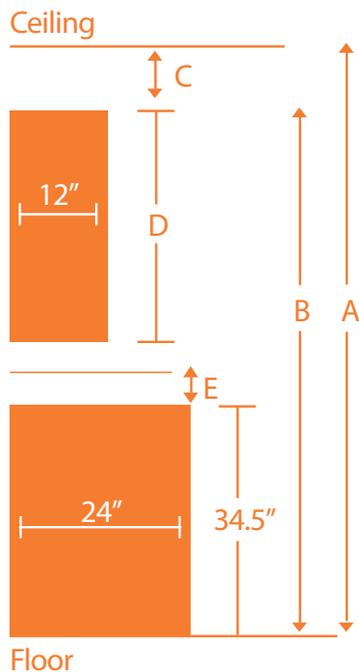


Understanding your precise needs before the design phase will help you keep your project practical and on budget.

2 TAKE PICTURES & MEASUREMENTS

Before you meet with a designer, it is important to gather as much information about your space as possible. You'll want to measure the dimensions of your existing room and document the layout of your electrical and plumbing plans. You'll also want to measure the size and position of all functional elements including:

Appliances	Brand Model	Width	Height	Depth	Other Info
Refrigerator					
Range					
Range Hood					
Cooktop					
Single Oven					
Double Oven					
Microwave					
Dishwasher					
Sink					
Compactor					
Wine Cooler					
Washer					
Dryer					
Doors					
Gas Line					



WALL & CABINET MEASUREMENT DIAGRAM

- A. Ceiling Height _____
- B. Cabinet Height _____
- C. Soffit/Open Height _____
- D. Wall Cabinet Height _____
- E. Countertop Thickness _____

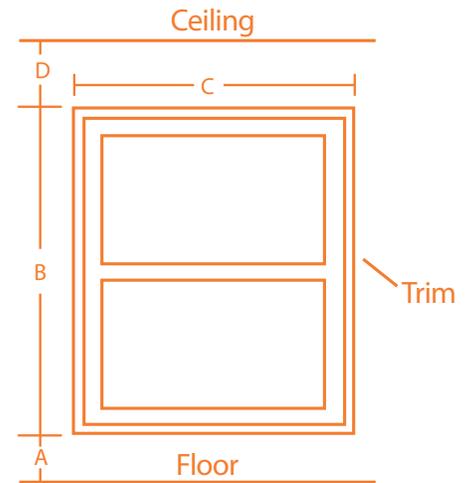


It's also helpful if you provide pictures of your space from every angle and entry so we can develop a more precise project plan. Our designers are trained to identify and address challenges based on your feedback. This additional perspective will help us get your design estimate right the first time.

MEASURING WINDOWS

To measure the footprint of your windows, you'll want start by documenting the distance from your floor to your ceiling in several spots, to ensure the floor is even. Next, you'll want to measure from the floor to the bottom of the window sill, and then from the top of the window trim to the ceiling. For your final measurements, you'll want to document your window's internal dimensions. Measure both height and width from trim to trim. Record this information in the space provided.

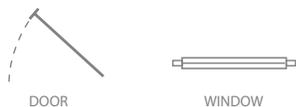
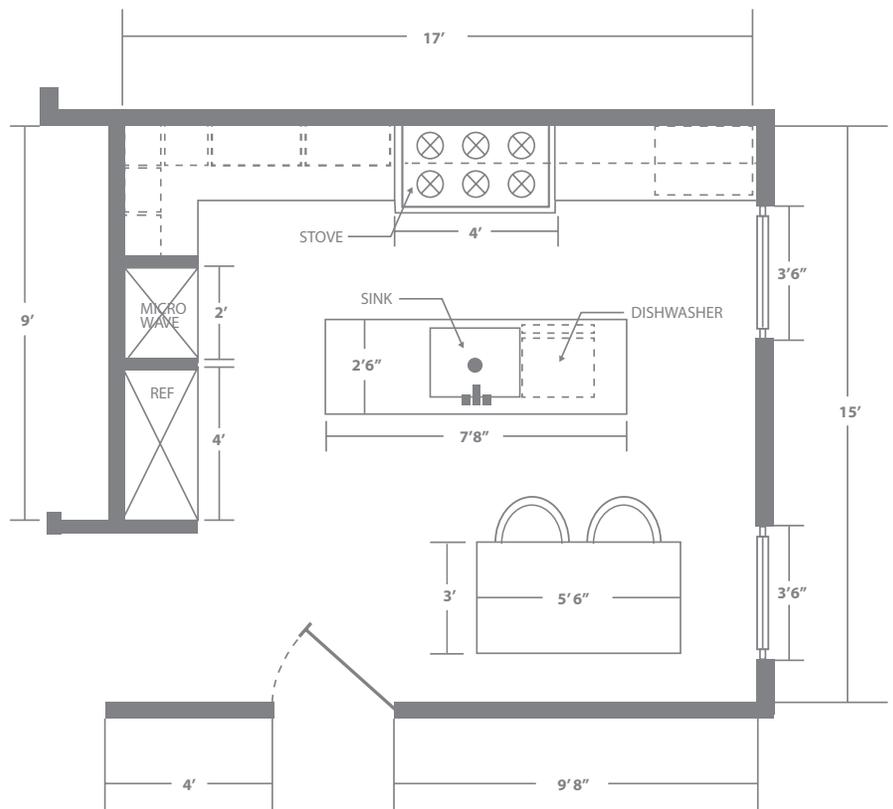
- A. Height Above Floor _____
- B. Window Height (Trim to Trim) _____
- C. Window Width (Trim to Trim) _____
- D. Height from Ceiling _____



CREATING A FLOOR PLAN

To document your kitchen floor plan, sketch your dimensions on the grid we've provided on the next page.

1. Start in one corner of the room, select a wall and measure the distance, in inches, of every item on that wall from the corner. Write all measurements on your sketch. For doors, opening and windows measure from outside to outside of molding. (Measure to the 1/4")
2. Jot down the overall length of walls, height of the room and distance of every item from the floor—like outlets, light switches, and ledges or soffits.
3. Remember to measure the height and width of your refrigerator to determine the right height for a wall cabinet above the refrigerator. For accuracy, measure to top of the refrigerator door hinge.
4. Continue to measure all around the room, until everything is located, measured, and marked on your sketch. Make sure to measure carefully and double-check all measurements. Mark the direction your doors swing on your sketch. Mark the exact location of sinks, drains, gas lines, electrical outlets and switches on the grid. The more accurate and detailed information you provide, the more likely to receive an accurate design in a timely manner.



DRAW YOUR KITCHEN FLOOR PLAN

3 GATHER INSPIRATION

We suggest gathering inspiration from magazines, catalogs, and the internet into a design notebook. File pictures into albums titled for their specific attributes, or note the items of interest directly on a clipping. Your designer will gain better insight with an organized notebook and should be able to process your order faster. We like to gather inspiration from these websites when planning for a kitchen remodel:

- houzz.com
- architecturaldigest.com
- dwell.com
- cultivate.com
- bhg.com
- hgtv.com/designers-portfolio/

We encourage you to get as creative as you want with your inspiration. We enjoy a challenge and are dedicated to helping you realize your dream kitchen.



4 BUDGET YOUR PROJECT

At the conclusion of your kitchen planning your designer will want to define the project's "scope of work". The scope of your project is determined by many factors including those design considerations we've covered up to this point. The most important element of your project's scope will ultimately be your budget.

We suggest defining a realistic budget that includes overages for "unexpected" complications. Older houses may have expensive problems hiding under cabinets and inside walls, and it is important for you to be prepared to address these, should they arise.



PHASE TWO: DESIGN

We invite you to meet with one of our design professionals to create a project plan for your kitchen. One of our experienced designers will review your needs, design your space, and help place your order.

1 COME IN FOR A CONSULTATION

If you are just gathering inspiration or need some friendly advice, our designers are always available, to help you get started. Feel free to stop in for a chat, we are happy to help.

If you are ready to start planning, come prepared with room measurements, an estimated project budget, and a wish list. We recommend that you set aside an hour or two for the first design consultation.

No appointment is necessary to sit down with one of our designers. We operate on a first-come, first-served basis, so the first available designer can meet with you and get you started on the design process.



2 REVIEW YOUR NEEDS

When you visit the showroom to consult with one of our kitchen and bath designers, be ready to review all of your project specifications. We'll take time to document your room's dimensions, your desired layout and your aesthetic goals. Your designer will need enough information to create a computer-generated image of your remodeled room.

Your designer can also help you select tile, appliances, fixtures, and additional features during your initial consultation. All of these items will help build a precise project scope and estimate.

3 DESIGN & ESTIMATE

When your designer has all of your project's measurements in-hand, they will build a digital drawing of your room with the exact dimensions of all cabinets and appliances.

This project blueprint will be cross-referenced with your selection of cabinets, countertops, appliances, and features to produce your project estimate. At this point, if you are satisfied with your materials estimate, we can provide you with an estimate on installation.

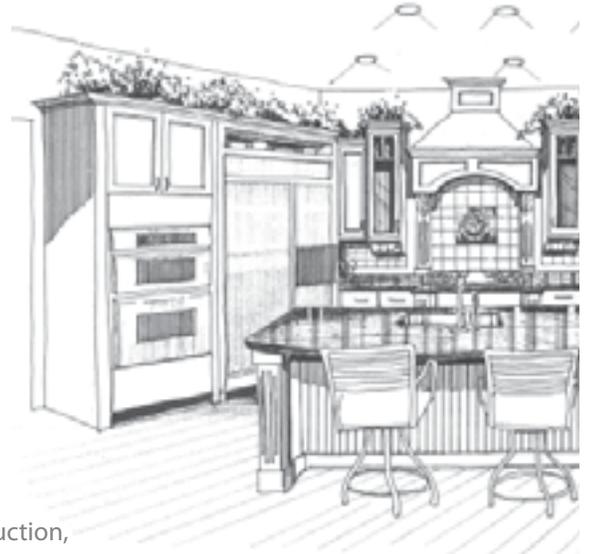
PHASE THREE: INSTALLATION

1 FINAL MEASUREMENTS

If you're doing the installation yourself, we offer a check measure service for a fee. This will ensure the measurements you provided during the estimate process are accurate and usable for your cabinet order. Most items are non-refundable, so **MEASURE TWICE AND ORDER ONCE**.

If our team of professionals is doing your installation, we will perform final measurements to compare the project plan with the dimensions of your space prior to placing your final cabinet order. This is done to ensure that nothing in your room conflicts with the products you have on order.

During the final measurement, our installation professional will also gather notes to quote for additional contractor services including demolition, construction, plumbing, electrical and installation, if needed.



2 DEMOLITION

In preparation for your remodel, you'll want to remove all personal items from within the project space. On the day of the remodel, we suggest you disable all electrical and plumbing supplies coming into the room. It is highly recommended that you do not attempt disassemble your kitchen or bath without a qualified professional present. Demolition can be highly dangerous if you do not follow rigorous safety and testing procedures.

It is also recommended that you do not commence with demolition before you have received and inspected all materials ordered. If you prefer, our professionals can remove all of your old cabinets and strip the room all the way down to the studs.



3 PICK UP & DELIVERY

You may pick up your materials during our Warehouse Hours. If you choose to have your items delivered we will coordinate your cabinets' arrival to make drop off and installation run smoothly.

4 INSTALLATION & FINISHING

Affordable Kitchens and Baths can send an installation crew out to prep, install, and finish your kitchen or bath project. Our professionals can handle your project start-to-finish to ensure that the project site has been properly disassembled, cleaned, wired and plumbed.

Once your cabinets are on-site and installed, we also offer finishing services including tile and trimwork. Ask your designer for more service details if you are interested in contracting Affordable Kitchens and Baths for cabinet installation.