

Homeowner's Guide to Kitchen Remodeling in Snohomish & King County

A homeowner checklist for Kitchen Remodeling

Planning & Budgeting

- Define your project goals: must-haves vs. nice-to-haves.
- Create a mood board for your desired style, colors, and finishes.
- Measure your existing kitchen and sketch the layout.
- Research appliance models, prices, and dimensions.
- Set a realistic total budget, including a 15% contingency fund.
- Contact your local city office about permit requirements.

DIY Preparation

- Empty all cabinets and drawers.
- Set up a temporary kitchen station with a microwave, coffee maker, and paper plates.
- Protect floors, counters, and adjacent rooms with drop cloths.
- If painting cabinets, label each door and its corresponding hardware.
- Thoroughly clean all surfaces to be worked on.
- Turn off water and electrical circuits as needed for safety.

Hiring & Managing Professionals

- Get at least three quotes for any major work.
- Check licenses and insurance for all contractors.
- Sign a detailed contract that outlines scope, timeline, and payment schedule.
- Walk through the project plan on-site before demolition begins.
- Confirm material orders and their estimated delivery dates.
- Establish a clear communication plan for updates and questions.

Final Walkthrough & Punch List

- Test every new appliance to ensure it works correctly.
- Turn all faucets on and off; check under the sink for any leaks.
- Open and close all cabinet doors and drawers to check for smooth operation.
- Inspect tile grout, paint lines, and caulk for a clean finish.

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- Test every new light switch and outlet.
- Create a final 'punch list' of any small items that need correction.

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