

# 10 Steps to Kitchen & Bath Remodeling!

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### Step 1: Gather your ideas and personal style

Not sure where to begin on your kitchen or bath remodel? Don't panic. Our Designers here in Kelowna suggest you ease into the process slowly; gather ideas and inspiration from magazines, blogs, home stores and from any other source available to you. Refer to your "inspiration guide" once you have met with a sales rep or designer and there will be less confusion on what your taste and style is geared towards. Keep all of your ideas in a binder, folder, or on your computer so you can easily add or take away as necessary; as your search continues you may be surprised that your style changes too-and that's OKAY!

### Step 2: Plan a budget

Not sure about all the costs to expect in your renovation? Don't sweat it because most first time renovations are a complete educational process. First things first, figure out a budget that works for you and plan for a little wiggle room in between. A professional designer can work effectively with a wide range of budgets so don't be afraid to want to start off small. They will quote you on all the expenses along the way, and nothing is final until you say it is. Remember that a huge part of their job is to get you what you want, at the price you can afford!

### Step 3: Hire a professional

So you've gathered some ideas, you have a budget in mind and.....what next? At this point in time you'll want to start visiting cabinet shops in the kitchen and bath industry so you can find a professional to hire. Make sure you look around! No two designers are alike and you want to find someone who stands by a reputable company.

### **Step 4: Schematic design**

At this stage you will have settled with a designer and together you'll start planning the layout of your kitchen or bath. Consider space planning, elevations, and cabinet sizes; your designer will also most likely ask you if you're planning on getting new appliances or what size your current ones are. During this process you can also show them the style of cabinet you're leaning towards, color, counter tops, and back splashes you like. This stage can take a while as it usually consists of making changes here and there as your mind goes from one idea to the next. Once the final plan is agreed on you'll be able to get an estimate of cost and either continue from there or revise the plan.

### **Step 5: Choosing fixtures and finishes**

Final selection of finishes and fixtures is made. This usually includes:

- cabinetry construction type, door style, finish and color
- countertop material
- refrigerators and other appliances
- sink and faucet
- light fixtures
- flooring
- backsplash
- decorative hardware
- paint colors

### **Step 6: Finalize your design and work on construction documents**

This part of the process is where you'll finally finalize your kitchen or bath design scheme, including such things as floor plans, elevations, layout, electrical and lighting. Your designer should have all the bases covered at this point in the game.

Next you'll submit drawings for permits to your local town/city. Check with them on timing because the next step includes hiring a contractor to finalize the paperwork and pick up your permits.

### **Step 7: Acquire contractor estimates**

Depending on the type of job this step could have happened earlier in the process; if not then you'll take this step after submitting your drawings for approval to the town. Our designers recommend getting at least two or three contractor estimates for your job. Do a full walk through with them once the drawings are done and find out a rough estimate.

### **Step 8: Preparing for demo day!**

Staying in your home during renovations? Don't sweat it if you've done the necessary preparations! First, make sure everything in the kitchen is either tucked elsewhere in storage, or trashed. You don't want any personal belongings left behind and discarded. Definitely consider how you'll set up a temporary kitchen for the duration of construction, and whether or not you have to worry about any health or safety hazards. Discuss all these terms with your contractor, and have him provide you with useful information such as when to expect the crew to arrive and how late they'll be working-it doesn't hurt to know all the facts!

### **Step 9: Coping with the inevitable**

It's not uncommon to have things go wrong upon completion of your renovation. Whether it's a scratch on the cupboard or floor, a squeaky hinge, or your hood range doesn't work, something is bound to be off in your eyes. Simply inform the contractor of these details; making a list of the problems and identifying the responsible parties for fixing them. Don't be afraid to speak up.

### **Step 10: Enjoying your new space**

This step is always the hardest. Can you believe you actually have to relax and enjoy your new space? Sometimes the process is a wild ride, or it can be quick and easy, but either way the end result is completely worth it!

If you'd like to learn more about kitchen and bath remodeling visit us in our showroom or check out the rest of our website! Just looking for ideas and inspiration - [Houzz](#) is always showcasing the latest trends!

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