

Your Dream Kitchen Planning Worksheet

Use this worksheet to ensure you get a kitchen that is not only gorgeous, but practical and well planned. Take time to fill in all the questions thoughtfully, and bring it with you along with a scrapbook showing finishing details and styles you would like in your own home. Please also bring a drawing to scale of your current kitchen, showing all doors, appliances, sinks, windows, electrical outlets, lights and switches.

Section 1: Likes, Dislikes and Possible Solutions

Make a list of what you LIKE about the existing kitchen. For example, looking out the window while standing at the sink; or how easy it is to get from the stove to the fridge.

Make a list of what does NOT work very well, or what you don't like about the existing kitchen.	Prioritize each of the above problems on a scale of 1 to 10
For example, the finishes are dated and tired; there is not enough counter space; or you can't see your guests when you are preparing food.	1 is MOST important and must be fixed. 10 is LEAST important and you could live with it if you had to.

What are your ideal solutions to resolve, improve or eliminate those problems? Please find some pictures that show solutions that appeal to you.

Problem	Solution

Section 2: Making Your Kitchen Fit Your Family’s Needs

Where does your family normally eat? (Kitchen, dining room, in front of TV, etc.)

Breakfast	
Lunch	
Dinner	
Snacks	

Which meals does your family eat together at a regular time?

Breakfast	
Lunch	
Dinner	
Snacks	

Choose the decorating style that is most attractive for your family:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Warm and welcoming for kids, friends and pets. We don't worry about keeping things immaculate or ultra-neat; being together is more important to us. | <input type="checkbox"/> We love traditional decor and old-world charm. Having a lovely well-kept home is important to us. | <input type="checkbox"/> We love the energy of modern design, the arts and music. We want our home to be bright, hip and lots of fun. |
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Please choose the answer from each line that best applies to your family:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Entertain once a month | <input type="checkbox"/> Entertain 3-4 times a year | <input type="checkbox"/> Entertain 1-2 times a year |
| <input type="checkbox"/> We like to try special recipes frequently | <input type="checkbox"/> We have the same favourite meals often | <input type="checkbox"/> We enjoy special meals occasionally |
| <input type="checkbox"/> We bake often | <input type="checkbox"/> We don't bake at all | <input type="checkbox"/> We bake for holidays only |
| <input type="checkbox"/> There is only one cook in our house | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 or more of us share the cooking chores regularly | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 or more of us often cook at the same time |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The kitchen is for cooking only. We eat and entertain elsewhere. | <input type="checkbox"/> The kitchen is for cooking, snacking, doing homework and hanging out... it's the hub of our home | <input type="checkbox"/> The kitchen is for cooking and eating meals and snacks |
| <input type="checkbox"/> We shop for everything once a week or so | <input type="checkbox"/> We prefer to buy many items in bulk and store them | <input type="checkbox"/> We do a mix of bulk and more frequent shopping for perishable goods |

Choose the best description of how your kitchen is used:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pretty empty during the week, but filled with kids and friends on weekends. | <input type="checkbox"/> It's a game room, TV room, office, and kitchen all rolled into one. We live in our kitchen. | <input type="checkbox"/> Our kitchen is the showplace of our home. |
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If you could splurge on one luxury, what would it be?

Section 3: Your Wish List

Along with your scrapbook of kitchen pictures that appeal to you, please indicate the preferences for your dream kitchen from the list below.

Cabinets

- Standard height cabinetry
- Custom height cabinetry
- Cabinetry up to ceiling
- Stained wood finish
- Painted/lacquer finish
- Glass fronts
- Contemporary style
- Traditional style
- Avant-garde

Sink

- Single
- Double
- Bar
- Stainless Steel
- Porcelain
- Undermount
- Farmhouse

Flooring

- Hardwood
- Stone
- Cork
- Ceramic tile
- Vinyl tile

Appliances

- Fridge
- Range
- Cook top
- Wall oven(s)
- Microwave
- Freezer
- Wine fridge
- Trash compactor
- Dishwasher
- Garbage disposal
- Keep current appliances
- Keep current location

Counters

- Laminate
- Granite
- Marble
- Stainless Steel
- Concrete
- Quartz

Cooking Power

- Gas cooking
- Electric cooking
- Convection cooking

Lighting

- Overhead lighting
- Under cabinet
- In cabinet lighting
- Task lighting

Amenities

- Desk
- Centre island
- Pantry / walk-in pantry
- Wine rack
- Space for computer
- Space for TV
- Broom closet
- Recycling/trash cabinet

Seating

- Eat-in area with table
- Island eating counter
- Bench seating
- No seating required

Construction

- Same size
- Increase by _____%
- Add gas lines
- Add window
- Outside access