



You're planning a new kitchen!

You've been thinking about renovating your kitchen for a while. Clipping photos to Pinterest. Admiring your neighbors' remodels. Googling for the latest kitchen trends and colors.

And now you're ready to get started!

BK Martin Construction, Inc., Richmond's premier design-build contractor specializing in high-end kitchen and bathroom renovations and additions, created this Guide to help you start your planning process. A kitchen renovation has a lot of moving parts, so you have a lot to think about, and many decisions to make. We hope this Guide helps you to plan your kitchen renovation so it goes as smoothly as possible!

Let's get started....

STEP 01

Your Kitchen Vision

Kitchens are the heart of every home. It’s where everyone hangs out – to grab a snack, to prepare a meal, to sit for a while to eat, or to gather just to chat or hang out. You’ll never fail to run into your family in your kitchen! So you want your kitchen to be functional and efficient, of course, but you also want it to be inviting, comfortable, and suitable for your family’s active lifestyle, as well as for guests.

Your renovation will proceed most smoothly if you have a clear idea of what you want in your new kitchen. Here are a few questions to get you started.



1. In a few sentences, describe your current kitchen.

2. What do you dislike most about your current kitchen?

3. In a few sentences, describe your ideal kitchen.

4. What is the one thing your new kitchen absolutely must have?

5. Does your kitchen need to be accessible/adaptable to the disabled, an elderly family member, or a person who uses a wheelchair?

Yes No

As you develop your kitchen vision, it may help you to collect photos. Kitchen looks you adore. Special features that would make your kitchen especially suitable for your family’s cook and welcoming to your guests. Make note of, and gather example photos of:



- Colors, cabinets, and countertops
- Fixtures, finishes, and flooring
- Appliances, accents, and accessories

All of these together can inform and inspire your unique and individual kitchen vision.

STEP 02

Planning Each Element

Even the smallest kitchen has many different parts. It's essential that you plan each and every one. Consider these specific components:

Cabinets

- Use existing with no change
- Use existing but repaint and change hardware
 Color preferences: _____
 Hardware preferences: _____
- Replace with new
 Style preferences: _____
 (contemporary, traditional, etc.)
 Material preferences: _____
 (wood, laminate, etc.)
 Color preferences: _____
 (wood tone-specify type and shade, or color choices)

Appliances

- Use all existing
- Use some existing
 (specify which will be replaced, and color/style/
 any brand preference)

- Replace all
 (indicate type (i.e. gas or electric range),
 finish/color (stainless steel, black, white, etc.),
 brand preferences, etc.)

Countertops

- Use existing with no change
- Replace with
 - Quartz
 - Granite
 - Corian
 - Other _____
 Color preferences: _____

Walls

- Backsplash _____
 (tile, metal, etc.)
- Other walls _____
 (Paint, wallpaper, brick, combo of styles, etc.)
 Provide details as to type of tile, colors, etc.)

- Do you want/need additional electrical outlets?
 Yes No

Floor

Use all existing

Replace
 (Indicate type/color: Wood, ceramic or porcelain tile, laminate, etc., and color choices)

Fixtures & Hardware

Cabinet knobs and pulls
 (Indicate preferred styles/finishes)

Sink & sink fixtures
 ((faucet, handles, sprayer, etc.) Indicate preferred styles/finishes)

Overhead lighting
 (describe or provide photos of preferences)

Task/under-cabinet lighting

Other

Pantry

New

Enlarged

Use existing/no change

Island

Use existing/no change

Replace or paint to match new cabinetry
 (provide details)

Create new to match cabinetry

Are you enlarging your kitchen or changing its layout?

Wall demolition required

New wall(s) needed

Bump-out or addition needed

(provide details)

Other

(Indicate other desired elements (baking station, new or enlarged window, etc.))

STEP 03

Choose a Contractor

Remodeling a kitchen is always a complex, multi-stage project. Even if you reuse some existing elements, there are still multiple components requiring different skills. In our experience, it is rare that a remodeled kitchen is entirely a do-it-yourself project. DIY kitchens also take longer to complete than those that are professionally remodeled, leaving you with a kitchen in disarray for weeks or months.

With this in mind, you likely will need at least some professional help. Again, you have choices. You can hire individual contractors for different project elements – painter, tiler, stone company, plumber, electrician, carpenter. Or, you can hire one company to act as a general contractor and oversee the entire project. Typically, using a general contractor makes for a smooth process, as you have one point of contact and are freed from overseeing day-to-day work. By contrast, using multiple contractors or a combination of DIY and individual contractors cast you in the role of general contractor, working with multiple vendors, coordinating schedules and timelines, and working with several points of contact.

How BK Martin Construction, Inc. can help

BK Martin Construction, Inc. specializes in high-end kitchen and bathroom renovations and additions. We pride ourselves on making kitchen renovations as smooth and painless as possible for our customers, and completing the work in the shortest possible amount of time. Our goal is to provide you with a more stylish and functional kitchen expediently, so that you can enjoy new convenience and simplicity for your family. As a premier design-build, Class “A” building contractor, we will be your general contractor and oversee your entire project, keeping you informed and consulting with you every step of the way. We’ve been in business for 35+ years and are fully licensed and insured – so you can trust that your kitchen renovation will be professionally and reliably done. We are proud of the superior craftsmanship and exceptional service we offer to all our customers!

We’d love to talk with you about your kitchen remodeling project and how we can help you realize your dream. Contact us today to talk with one of our design consultants to learn more. You can trust your kitchen renovation project and home improvements to BK Martin, Inc.!

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