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Kitchen Remodeling Checklist

When it comes right down to it, the Kitchen is the most popular room in your home. The time has come to make some changes to your existing kitchen. Whether you are planning to give it a *Face Lift*, make it *more functional* or build your *Dream Kitchen* there are a number of factors you should address very early on, before you begin.

There are numerous decisions to be made when remodeling your kitchen. These decisions will not only determine the cost of the project, but will have a direct impact on the success of the final outcome of your project. It is crucial that you spend sufficient time addressing these issues prior to commencing the work. As with any home renovation, the key is in the planning.

Please take the time to answer the following question.

General

What is your budget? _____

Are you keeping the same configuration of the kitchen as the existing layout? _____

What do you like most about your current kitchen? _____

What do you dislike most about your current kitchen? _____

Does the kitchen area flow into surrounding rooms the way you would like? _____

Do you want your kitchen area to be opened to a family room, den or other areas? _____

What is the overall style preference for your new kitchen? Contemporary, formal, traditional, country or other _____

Do you plan to use wood cabinetry in your new kitchen? _____

If yes, do you prefer light or dark wood, painted or faux finished? _____

Use

What types of activities do you envision taking place within the kitchen? Sit-down dining, homework for the kids, paying bills, other _____

Where does your family currently dine and where will they dine after the remodel? _____

If you want to eat family meals in your kitchen, how many people would you typically need to accommodate at mealtime? _____

Do you entertain? _____ How often? _____

What is your entertainment style? Formal or casual

Are your gatherings typically small or large? _____ How many? _____

Are they more mix-and mingle or formal sit-down affairs?

If you are not using a din-in kitchen table, what type of everyday seating would you use? Barstools, chairs, booths, bench seating or none

What entertainment features might you want to incorporate into your kitchen remodel? Separate beverage area, wine storage, television, intercom, radio

Cooking & Preparation Areas

Is mealtime a family affair? _____

How many people are normally involved in food preparation? _____

Would additional or separate work areas be helpful? _____

Plan for the location of like items. For instance, the sink, dishwasher and recycling areas that might be adjacent; or you may want spices and cooking utensils near your stove or oven area? _____

Is there enough counter space for appliances you use every day? _____

Would you prefer these appliances to be built-in or stored away? _____

Storage

How do you usually shop:

By meal, for the week, in bulk, canned goods _____

Do you have enough accessible storage for bulk and everyday food items? _____

How about storage room for your Tupperware, entertaining or serving items? _____

Cabinets:

Type of wood _____

Painted or stained _____

Are self closing or soft closing drawers important? _____

Do you want to showcase any kitchenware or serving items in a glass or cabinets? _____

Do you require any additional storage for items currently house elsewhere in your home? _____

What about linens, fine china or other pieces that you may now keep in a hall closet, china hutch, attic or garage? _____

Do you need areas which are safeguarded from children? _____

Do you require a recycling center? _____

Lighting

Do you need additional task lighting in specific work areas? _____

Where? _____

More lighting overall? _____

Is the kitchen open to a shared family space? Perhaps ambient or low-level cabinet lighting (above or below) would be beneficial? _____

Would you like recessed lighting in your kitchen? _____

Would you like skylights (solar tubes) installed? _____

Other Considerations

Wall coverings: Paint, wallpaper, tile or a combination? Where: _____

Sinks: Top Mounted or Under mounted? _____ Stainless, Porcelain or

Other: _____

Appliances: New or use Existing: Refrigerator, Garbage Disposal, Dish Washer, Oven, Range,

others: _____

Stainless steel, black, white, etc.? _____

What type of countertops do you envision? Granite, Tile, Marble Tile, Silestone Tile, Laminate, other?

Flooring: Hardwood, Tile, Travertine, Linoleum, Tumbled Stone, other? _____

Hardware:

Handles & Knobs? _____

Sink faucet? _____

Towel bars? _____

Do you have enough electrical outlets or circuits in the right places to support food preparation on a large scale, such as holidays, birthdays, parties, or any other type of entertaining?

Number of Outlet and Locations: _____

If there is a window, is it ideally situated for a view of the backyard, garden or other preferred areas?

Does it allow enough light inside? _____

If there is a back door, is it ideally situated for access to the backyard, patio or entertaining areas?

Notes: _____