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Kitchen Renovation Guide

Kitchens are the centre of daily life, and a space where both style and function are important, so planning a renovation can be overwhelming!

But we're here to help! This guide aims to provide you with some tips and hints to start you on the journey, whether you're planning a full kitchen remodel or just need some inspiration.

Planning Makes Perfect



Without planning, renovating can become costly and problematic, instead of adding value and enjoyment.

Start by considering the basics:

- What do you need from your kitchen?
- How will your family use it?
- What do you like about your current kitchen?
- What would you change?
- What does your dream kitchen look like?

Create a vision for your new kitchen by sourcing aspirational images and samples. This can help you not only establish what you like, but also what you don't like. If you struggle with this process, consider engaging a designer to help you work through the process, gain clarity and bring your ideas to life.

Now is also a good time to consider if there are other areas of your home that you would like to update? If more areas need to be factored in then it can be helpful to get an idea of how these spaces can flow into each other and match the overall look and feel of your home.





Set A Budget

One of the most important steps is to establish your budget for the project, but also be prepared for unexpected costs.

Make sure you have a clear understanding of the people and processes involved to avoid confusion about associated costs. Awareness of the costs for appliances, cabinetry and finishes; from flooring and lighting, to benchtops and splashback will assist with establishing your budget.

Having a wish list established will help you work out what your 'essentials' are for your kitchen and make sure they're factored into your budget. Knowing your priorities and making allowances for them, will help you

avoid the stress of having to cut or reduce the quality of certain items. A designer can further assist with helping you achieve the look you want without breaking the bank. Engaging someone with industry knowledge will ensure that you have all available options, including cost-saving alternatives, to create your dream kitchen within your budget.

Learn to love spreadsheets and create one for your budget and be sure to check it often. It would also be wise to set aside a 'buffer' for any budget-busting surprises.

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How Involved Will You Be?



Project managing a renovation can be time-consuming and stressful.

It's important to understand the scale of the project and consider how much time you have to dedicate to it, in order to make an informed decision on whether you have the capacity or if you need to engage a professional?

Engaging a professional team can not only free up your time, but also alleviate the stress associated with renovations. Designers and builders have access to trades and suppliers that can ensure the project runs on time and on budget. Poor project management can also result in an inferior renovation that takes up more time and budget than anticipated, which makes engaging a professional a worthy investment.

Depending on the scope of the project, it may also be worthwhile considering whether you will stay on site during the renovation or find alternative accommodation. Speaking with your designer and builder at the start of the project will provide you with an accurate indication of the timeframe that you will be disrupted so you can make an informed decision.



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Who Will You Work With?

If you are considering engaging a team to help with your project, how do you know who to trust?

Thorough research is imperative as this is the team that will be responsible for bringing your vision to life.

Make sure you feel comfortable with the designer and confident that they will listen and respect

your requirements and budget. Look at their previous work and talk with existing or past clients. Be sure to understand what fees are associated with their involvement in the project so you can factor it into your budget.

Always check that any builders or trades you hire have the relevant certification and licencing. This can be done online. Using unlicensed builders and tradespeople can lead to additional stress and significant financial costs, in the event that anything goes awry.





Communication Is Crucial

There are a lot of moving parts when it comes to a kitchen renovation, so communication is key to ensuring the project runs smoothly!

Have open conversations with everyone involved – designers, builders, tradespeople, suppliers – and be honest and clear about your expectations and the deadline you're working to. In turn, expect them to be equally honest about unexpected delays or if your expectations are unrealistic.

If you are planning on managing the project yourself, it is important that you understand the time it takes for each step in the process. Also ensure that you allow time for frequent site visits, as well as time for administrative tasks and the procurement of your appliances, fittings and fixtures.

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