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SHOWROOM EXPERIENCE

From faucet to cabinet: envision your new kitchen at a kitchen showroom.

It's time to turn your dream kitchen into reality. Visit a designer kitchen showroom, and let your imagination run wild with the possibilities. View and touch faucets, cabinets, and sinks of various shapes and styles. Visualize your kitchen project coming to life in the showroom.

Need some help narrowing down your options? Schedule an appointment with one of our professional showroom consultants and you'll be well on your way to a gorgeous kitchen that suits your budget. Now that's what we call a showroom experience!

Why Visit a Kitchen Showroom?

If a picture is worth a thousand words, then an in-person experience is worth a million. At our kitchen showroom, you can touch different sink materials. You can open cabinet drawers to test how they glide. You can walk around a room full of faucets to compare and contrast different models. There's nothing quite like being able to touch each texture and examine each finish for yourself.

What to Expect During Your Consultation

Your showroom consultant acts as your personal guru in the kitchen product selection process. During your consultation, she or he will discuss your personal tastes, style, and budget to coordinate the perfect kitchen for your family.

You'll first be asked for a general overview of your project and the type of look you'd like to achieve. Your showroom consultant will look over your plans and blueprints and help you determine the dimensions of the products you need. She or he will then take you on a guided tour of the showroom, helping you select the fixtures that best suit your style and space.

Preparing for Your Consultation

The most successful showroom consultations involve a small amount of prep work. Here are some tips for getting the most out of your showroom consultation:

- » Print and complete a project planning guide
- » Bring along home plans, drawings, project photos, room measurements
- » Know your project's budget or allowance
- » Prepare a list of questions to ask
- » Bring any inspirational material: color samples, magazines with ideas, project portfolio
- » Share your online portfolios, such as Pinterest or Houzz



Typical Consultation Times

The length of our showroom consultation depends on the size and scope of your project. In order to provide you with a comprehensive assessment of your kitchen choices, showroom consultants generally require one to three hours of consultation time.

When you schedule your appointment, you'll be asked some basic project questions to help determine an appropriate amount of time to suit your needs:

- » What type of kitchen layout is involved?
- » How many rooms are included in your project?
- » Is your project new construction, or are you remodeling an existing space?
- » Are you interested in selecting a sink, faucet, or complete kitchen?

If you are selecting one or two items, a walk-in appointment may be all that you need to select the perfect product. If you are completely renovating your kitchen, starting from scratch or need three or more items, we would recommend scheduling a full-length consultation with a showroom consultant.

SHOWROOM SUGGESTIONS

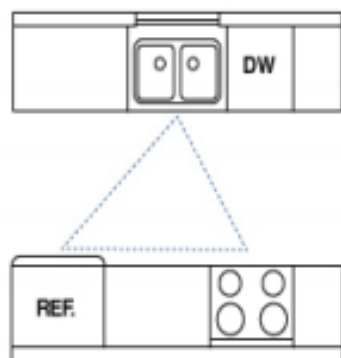
Don't be afraid to ask about testing products in the showroom—it's the best way to determine which fixtures fit your lifestyle. Many showrooms accept and encourage this practice, so go for it!

FLOOR PLANS & SPACE DESIGN

A thoughtfully-planned layout maximizes kitchen functionality.

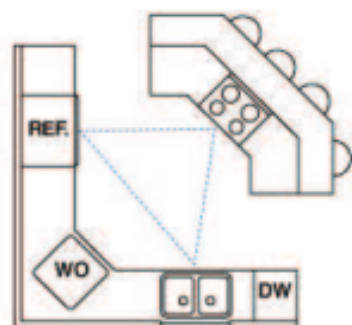
Floor Plans

Most kitchens fall into one of the following types: galley, L-shaped, U-shaped, and double work triangle. When planning out your kitchen layout, think about the shape and size of the space. Also think about limiting plumbing lines to one wall for budgeting purposes.



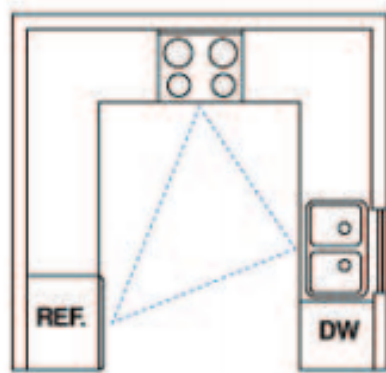
GALLEY

A galley kitchen, also referred to as a "straight" kitchen, is a kitchen in which the counters are arranged in two facing lines. This saves space while still maintaining the work triangle.



L-SHAPED

In this type of layout, the counter is arranged in an "L" shaped format. This allows for more work space, less through traffic, and easier division of multiple work sites.

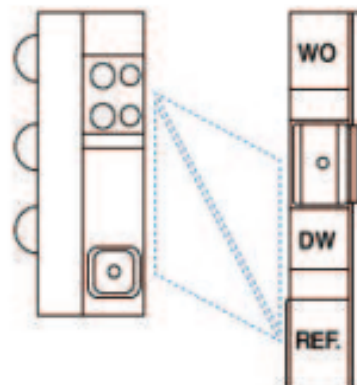


U-SHAPED

A U-shaped kitchen features a U-shaped counter that takes up three walls. This allows for more work space, less traffic, and the inclusion of a kitchen island.

DOUBLE WORK TRIANGLE

For a larger kitchen, consider adding a second work triangle to your layout. This allows multiple people to cook without bumping elbows.



THE WORK TRIANGLE

The work triangle consists of three ideal points between the cook top, the sink, and the refrigerator. Some rules for maintaining an efficient work triangle:

- Each triangle leg should be at least 4 ft and less than 9 ft.
- There should be no major traffic flow through the triangle.
- The sum of all three sides of the triangle should be between 13 ft and 26 ft.
- A tall obstacle should not come between any two points of the triangle.
- Obstacles should not intersect any leg of the triangle by more than 12 in.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Customize your kitchen for your unique needs and preferences.

When it comes to building or remodeling a kitchen, a one-size-fits-all approach may not be the right one for your household. You may be planning to retire in your home, install water-conserving fixtures, or improve the quality of your tap water.

Read on to learn how you can personalize your kitchen according to your needs.

Universal Design

Universal Design (U.D.) is a design concept that accommodates people of varying ages, abilities and mobility. A universally-designed product can be used by everyone without the necessity for modifications.

Whether you are an active adult, a young parent, or a person facing physical challenges, a home designed with changing needs in mind can be comfortably enjoyed by all of your family, neighbors, and friends.

Aging in Place

As the baby boomer population grows, so does the desire to stay in one's home after retirement. Depending on one's needs, there are a variety of kitchen modifications available for those who wish to age in place.

WITHOUT URGENT NEEDS

This group is composed of individuals who are not currently experiencing problems with health or mobility and prefer the appearance/function of Universal Design. U.D. modifications from which they may benefit include:

- ▶ Easy-access cabinets
- ▶ Wider entrances
- ▶ U-shaped pull handles for easy gripping

WITH PROGRESSIVE CONDITION-BASED NEEDS

This group is composed of individuals who have chronic or progressive conditions. They are aware of their needs, but do not need immediate modifications. U.D. modifications from which they may benefit include:

- ▶ Single-handle faucets
- ▶ Wider entrances
- ▶ U-shaped pull handles for easy gripping
- ▶ Adjustable cabinets



WITH TRAUMATIC CHANGE NEEDS

This group is composed of individuals who have experienced a traumatic change and need immediate home modifications. U.D. modifications from which they may benefit include:

- ▶ Single-handle faucets
- ▶ Wider entrances
- ▶ U-shaped pull handles for easy gripping
- ▶ Adjustable cabinets
- ▶ Adequate under-sink space
- ▶ Rounded countertop corners

Green Products

Installing water-conserving plumbing fixtures and appliances is an easy way to use 30 percent less household water. Not only can green kitchen products help sustain our planet for future generations, but they also help you save on your water and sewer bills. Green kitchen products include:

- ▶ Low-flow faucets use up to 30% less water.
- ▶ Motion-sensor faucets cause you to use less water.
- ▶ Water-based, low VOC finishes on cabinets are good for the environment.

Pure Water

Water purification is a process in which impurities are removed from water. Water is typically purified for two reasons: 1) the presence of waterborne bacteria, viruses, and pathogens that can pose a health hazard and 2) poor aesthetic quality of water (taste, odor, color). Point-of-use (P.O.U.) systems are popular for optimal water freshness, taste and clarity at a lower cost than bottled water.

P.O.U. water purification systems include R.O. Systems (reverse osmosis), under sink filters and water dispensers, filter pitchers, and faucet-mount filters.

FAUCETS

A beautiful faucet adds flair and function to any kitchen.

Updating your faucet is a quick, easy way to add flair to your kitchen. Whether you're remodeling your kitchen or replacing a broken faucet, you're sure to find the perfect kitchen faucet with all the features available in today's market.

Not sure where to start? Follow our step-by-step kitchen faucet selection guide below!

Count the Number of Holes in Your Kitchen Sink

When replacing your kitchen faucet, it's important to make sure your new faucet will fit into your existing kitchen sink. Kitchen sinks typically have 1 hole, 3 holes, or 4 holes (most common). The type of faucet you can install depends on the number of holes.

1-HOLE SINK OPTIONS

- » Single-handle faucet
- » Single-handle faucet with deckplate

3-HOLE SINK OPTIONS

- » Single-handle faucet with 2 accessories
- » Single-handle faucet with deckplate
- » Double-handle faucet

4-HOLE SINK OPTIONS

- » Single-handle faucet with 3 accessories
- » Single-handle faucet with deckplate with 1 accessory
- » Double-handle faucet with 1 accessory

Select a Spout Type

PULLOUT/PULLDOWN SPRAY

A pullout/pulldown sprayhead offers flexibility for a variety of cleaning tasks.

LOW-ARC SPOUTS

A low-arc kitchen spout is 10.5" or less. If you're looking for a spout with a smaller splash zone, choose this spout type.

HIGH-ARC SPOUTS

A high-arc spout is 10.75" or more. Its height makes it easy to fill pots and wash stacks of dishes.

POTFILLERS

Potfiller spouts are mounted high on your kitchen wall, making it easy to fill pots. Some swing out for convenience.



Pick Your Faucet Style and Finish

TRADITIONAL

Ornate handles and curvy spouts add elegance to any traditional kitchen. High-arc spouts are often found in this type of kitchen, though low-arc spouts with a bell-shaped spout heads also work. Traditional finishes include oil-rubbed bronze, brushed gold, and polished brass.

CONTEMPORARY

This style is made up of minimalist lines and right angles. An angular, no-frills spout combined with a straight-lined lever handle perfectly complements a contemporary kitchen. Contemporary finishes include chrome, white and black.

TRANSITIONAL

A transitional faucet blends the rounded shapes of transitional design with the clean lines of contemporary design—e.g., a low-arc faucet with a bell-shaped spout head or a clean-lined, high-arc faucet.

MODERN

Bold, airy fixtures work well with this kitchen style. A right-angled, high-arc faucet with a single-handle lever adds sleek beauty to a modern kitchen.

For a second sink, similar-style faucets are also available at a smaller scale.

GARBAGE DISPOSERS & WATER DISPENSERS

Reduce the amount of kitchen waste. Get hot or cold water instantly!

Selecting the right garbage disposer is a little like finding the perfect car—you'll want a quiet motor, strong horsepower, and reliable safety features. Luckily, similarly to cars, garbage disposers come with a variety of options that suit different household needs and budgets. Read on to discover the perfect garbage disposer for your kitchen.

Types of Garbage Disposers

Different garbage disposers suit different budgets and household needs. They're typically divided into 3 levels: economy, standard, premium.

ECONOMY

Economy garbage disposers grind food waste at 1/3 or 1/2 horse power. They are relatively quiet, but not as quiet as standard or premium garbage disposers.

STANDARD

Standard garbage disposers grind food waste at 3/4 horsepower, providing faster and more powerful grinding. They can grind hard materials, such as bones and fruit pits. They are also quieter than economy garbage disposers.

PREMIUM

Premium garbage disposers grind food waste at 1 horsepower, providing the fastest and most powerful grinding. They grind hard and fibrous materials. They are also the quietest of the 3 levels.

Benefits of Garbage Disposers

INCREASED HYGIENE

Less garbage means less unsanitary leftovers in your kitchen, reducing the spread of bacteria. A garbage can means unsavory odors, plus the possibility of a pet or child getting into the trash and making a mess.

LESS LANDFILL WASTE

Americans generate 250 million tons of garbage per year, filling 3,091 active landfills. Garbage disposers allow you to cut down on trash, leading to less garbage in landfills. Garbage disposers are also compatible with septic systems.

CLEANER AIR AND ENVIRONMENT

An EPA study showed that landfills are a huge source of methane, a potent greenhouse gas. Garbage disposers actually allow for discarded leftovers to be sent to wastewater treatment facilities, catching the methane gas generated from discarded food and turning it into energy.



Water Dispensers

Ever wish you could instantly make hot coffee or tea without waiting for the kettle to boil? Or pour yourself a cold glass of water in the summer? An instant hot/cool water dispenser allows you quick access to perfectly heated or chilled water.

WATER DISPENSER ADVANTAGES

There are many benefits to installing a water dispenser in your kitchen, including:

Saves Time

Morning routines become much faster when you can instantly dispense hot water to make tea or coffee, loosen up a peanut butter jar lid, or wash a baby bottle.

Saves Money

Reduce your water bills—instead of waiting for your tap water to run to the appropriate temperature, you can instantly dispense water at your chosen temperature.

Saves the Planet

Instead of buying cold plastic water bottles, you'll have instantly cold water, preserving our natural resources.

WATER PURIFICATION

Purify your water for the freshest-tasting, odor-free tap water.

Bitter-tasting water from the tap isn't just unpleasant to drink—it can be an indicator of water quality problems with your water source. According to the Water Quality Association, 67% of Americans are concerned about the quality of their household water supply.

Common water quality issues include rotten egg odor, stains, cloudy water, chlorine odor, hard water, clogged pipes, and poor-tasting water. Learn more about common water quality problems and solutions.

Point-of-Use and Point-of-Entry

For fresh, clean tasting water, there are two types of water purification systems to suit your needs.

A **point-of-use (POU) system** is installed on an individual source of water, such as a faucet or shower head. These systems capture any impurities that aren't caught by a POE system.

A **point-of-entry (POE)** water purification system treats the entire household water supply at the point of entry into your house. POE systems include carbon filters, water softeners, and sediment filters.

Water Treatment Systems

WATER SOFTENER (POE)

Water softeners remove calcium and magnesium, resulting in less buildup and stains. During the water softening process, calcium and magnesium ions are replaced by sodium (sometimes potassium) ions.

IRON/SULFUR FILTER (POE) & (POU)

Iron and sulfur cause stains and clogged pipes and appliances—not to mention unpleasant-smelling and -tasting water. Iron/sulfur filters use oxidation to safely and effectively remove iron and sulfur.

R. O. SYSTEM (REVERSE OSMOSIS) (POU)

R.O. systems are installed under the sink with a separate drinking water faucet. Many bottled waters are tap water treated with an R.O. system. For a fraction of the cost, you can conveniently enjoy the benefits of bottled pure water right at your kitchen sink.

UNDER SINK FILTERS AND WATER DISPENSERS (POU)

These long-lasting systems are installed under the sink and filter water for one faucet. Under-sink filters/water dispensers reduce chlorine, foul odors and tastes, lead, bacteria, rust, and sediment.



Water Quality Problems and Solutions

PROBLEM: HARD WATER

Hard water is caused by an excess of calcium and magnesium in the water supply. This type of water can be harsh on your skin and hair. A water softener removes calcium and magnesium ions, enabling for better moisturization of your skin and hair.

Solution: Water Softener

PROBLEM: ROTTEN EGG ODOR

If your water smells like a leftover omelet, that may indicate heavy amounts of sulfur in your water supply. An iron/sulfur filter can remove this unpleasant odor.

Solution: Iron/Sulfur Filter

PROBLEM: POOR-TASTING WATER

If the unpleasant-tasting water is coming from a sink, you may benefit from an under sink filter and water dispenser. If your water tastes metallic, an iron/sulfur filter may be what you need. For the purest water, consider an R.O. System—bottled water is typically tap water treated with an R.O. System.

Solution: Under Sink Filter and Water Dispenser, Iron/Sulfur Filter, and R. O. System

CABINETRY

Smart storage solutions begin with a beautiful new kitchen cabinet.

The right cabinet enhances your kitchen and keeps your house organized. Choose from a variety of cabinet types, wood species, finishes, and accessories to achieve your ideal look.

Cabinet Types

STOCK CABINETS

These come in specific sizes (usually in 3-inch increments) and may be ready-made by the time you order.

SEMI-CUSTOM CABINETS

These are available in a wider range of options than a stock cabinet, but aren't customizable to the extent of a Custom Cabinet.

CUSTOM CABINETS

These enable you to achieve the exact design, finish, wood species, color, features, and dimensions that you want.

Wood Species

Some popular wood species choices for cabinets include:



MAPLE

Strong, close-grained, and off-white in color, maple cabinets add a classic timelessness to your kitchen.



OAK

Oak comes in a wide variety of colors, such as white, yellow, and red-brown.



CHERRY

For a sophisticated, multi-colored wood species, choose cherry wood. Cherry wood darkens with age.



BIRCH

Birch is a close-grained hardwood that comes in straight, wavy, and curly patterns.



LAMINATE

Laminate is easy to clean and durable. This material is used on cabinet drawer and door surfaces.



Cabinet Finishes

Cabinet finishes give wood species a polished appearance. The type of finish you should choose depends on what kind of look you're going for--contemporary, modern, or traditional? Popular types of cabinet finishes include:

- » Glazed--a base stain is applied, followed by a highlight glaze that adds depth to the look.
- » Painted--your cabinet can be painted virtually any color.
- » Burnished--random distressing and over-sanding create a burnished effect.
- » Vintage--random distressing, over-sanding, and a pigmented stain create a vintage look.

Framed and Frameless

Cabinets come in framed or frameless models. Wondering what the frame differences are and which model is right for your kitchen? Read on to discover the right cabinet type for you!

FRAMED CABINETS

With a framed construction, a face frame is attached to the front of the cabinet. Framed cabinets are durable and flexible, making them a popular choice amongst most homeowners. Keep in mind, however, that they may have less storage space than their frameless cousins.

FRAMELESS

Frameless cabinets are also referred to as "European" or "Full-Access" cabinets. A frameless cabinet does not have a face frame, creating more storage room. They also offer more accessibility, so this cabinet model is a great solution for homeowners who desire a universally accessible kitchen.

CABINET HARDWARE

Glam up your kitchen cabinets with cabinet hardware!

Whether you're anticipating a full kitchen remodel or just need a quick change in environment, replacing your kitchen cabinet hardware is a great way to spice up your kitchen.

Before you begin the selection process, it's important to understand common cabinet hardware terminology that you'll hear your designer, architect, showroom consultant, or builder/remodeler refer to. This will make it easier for you to be able to communicate your needs with them.

Cabinet Hardware Types

The following are the most popular cabinet hardware types:

KNOBS

Knobs come in many shapes and sizes, including round, square, rectangular, oval, and bird cage. This type of cabinet hardware typically gives off a vintage vibe, making it perfect for use in traditional kitchens.

PULLS

This type of cabinet hardware features a metallic rod or ring. It is easier to grip than is the knob, and thus should be considered in households where a family member or guest faces motor ability challenges. Pulls are further divided into four sub-categories:

Bar

Straight, sleek, and clean lined, this type of pull handle accentuates the modern kitchen.

Drop Handles

Standard shower doors are available in different size and styles for bathtubs and shower units. Standard shower doors come with either sliding or pivot hinge types.

Ring Pulls

Evoke old-world glamour with this type of handle, which features a curved line that "drops" from its baseplate/s. This type of handle may feature elegantly-adorned details.

Cup/Bin Pulls

This type of pull has a neutral half-dome shape, making it perfect for a variety of styles. Cup pulls fit in well with both traditional and contemporary kitchens.

Appliance Pulls

Match your cabinets to your kitchen appliances with appliance pulls! They can be placed on refrigerators, freezers, and other appliances.



Cabinet Hardware Finishes

The following are the most popular cabinet finishes:

CHROME

A shiny, silver finish perfect for a modern kitchen.

SATIN NICKEL

This satiny finish is perfect for traditional and contemporary kitchens alike.

OIL-RUBBED BRONZE

This finish evokes an old-world country kitchen glamour.

BRUSHED COPPER

A soft copper color that gives an antique appearance.

CUSTOMIZED OPTIONS

Did you know that many cabinet hardware manufacturers offer customized options? If you're working on a one-of-a-kind kitchen remodeling project, you can let your creative mind wander with nearly limitless cabinet hardware possibilities. Custom options include:

- Custom-plated Cabinet Door Pulls
- Custom Lengths
- Specialty Finishes
- Custom Shapes
- Color-matching Technologies

CABINET STORAGE ACCESSORIES

Conveniently stow away your kitchen items in a safe space!

Recipes strewn across the counters. Pots and pans threatening to take a nose-dive whenever you open your upper cabinets. A pantry overflowing with half-empty boxes, mismanaged spices, and sticky residue on the shelves. It seems that no matter what you do, your kitchen clutter keeps growing each day—and you're fed up with it.

Fortunately, cleaning and organizing your kitchen can be virtually effortless with the right kitchen storage accessory options.

Kitchen Cabinet Storage Options

Once you've cleaned up your kitchen, it's time to think about organizing. Here's how you can make the most of your kitchen space via cabinet storage:

TIERED SPICE TRAY

A tiered spice tray insert works well for the average spice collection. Simply place the insert in a kitchen drawer, organize your spices by flavor or name, and voila! Easy-to-find spices.

KITCHEN RACKS

Slip clunky items like bottles and plates into racks for rattle-free storage. Plate racks and wine racks can be integrated into your cabinet, allowing you to display your collections in style.

Wire racks create storage space out of thin air. Insert them into your cabinet doors to store bulky items, such as cereal boxes, fruits and veggies, and cleaning supplies.

WASTEBASKET DRAWER

Wastebasket drawers are a handy solution to prevent stinky smells and trash tip-overs. Safely store away your trash in a top-mounted wastebasket drawer or wire pull-out.

Looking to save time tossing recyclables? Select a two-bin or four-bin recycler pull-out for easier presorting.

KITCHEN RAIL SYSTEM

Maximize your kitchen area by placing a rail system on the wall. A kitchen rail system is an organizational tool made up of a metallic rail and a series of hooks. These hooks may hold wire-frame storage containers, utensils, pots, pans and towels.

The result? A chic and practical way to keep everyday items close at hand.



FLOATING SHELVES

Open up your kitchen with floating shelves. Available in a variety of colors and styles, these narrow shelves stand out from your wall without taking up much space. Adorn them with vases, canisters, bowls, and candles—decorative odds-and-ends work well with these shelves.

MULTI-STORAGE PANTRY

Keep your pantry orderly with a multi-storage pantry. Multiple swing-out shelves in your cabinet make it easy to store canned, bottled and dry goods by category.

If you need additional pantry space, consider a pantry-pull out. This 3-shelf drawer glides out for easy access to spices and small goods.

LAZY SUSANS & SWING-OUT SHELVES

Utilize corner space with corner cabinet Lazy Susans and swing-out shelves. Both kitchen storage accessories enable you to effortlessly grab pots, pans, and food items. They can even be layered on top of one another for maximum area usage.

DEEP DRAWERS

Store pots and pans in deep drawers to ensure they'll never again be lost in the depths of your cabinet. Make sure to measure your pots and pans to select the right drawer height and width.

COUNTERTOPS

Choose a countertop that improves your kitchen's look and function.

Polish off a stylish kitchen with a beautiful, durable countertop. Whether you prefer a tiled Spanish Colonial look or a marbled Neo-classical appearance, there are a variety of countertop materials from which to choose. You'll also want to consider function in addition to form--rounded countertop corners, for example, may be a safer choice for a household with children than square corners would be.

Countertop Materials

Countertops are the focal point of your kitchen's style. The good news: your countertop material options are nearly limitless. We've covered the most popular choices for countertop materials below:

GRANITE

No two granite countertops are the same, thanks to the varying patterns and colors found in the stone's natural state. Granite is scratch- and heat-resistant, and does not require as much maintenance as do other materials. However, the material is heavy, so make sure your cabinets can adequately support its weight!

QUARTZ

Engineers have perfected the quartz countertop, enhancing its durability and beautiful stone appearance. If you want an easy-to-clean countertop with a natural look, quartz is your best bet.

MARBLE

Timeless and elegant, marble countertops are a beautiful addition to any traditional kitchen. Its heat-resistance makes it a good choice for households who do a lot of baking. Marble is prone to stains, so it is recommended that you limit this material to one station.

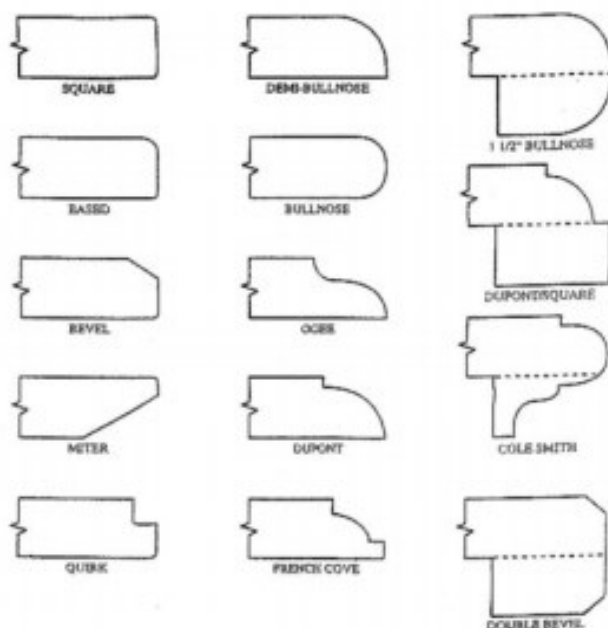
SOLID SURFACE

This is one of the easiest-to-clean materials, perfect for the household that does a lot of cooking. Crafted from acrylic and polyester, solid surfacing is nonporous. This countertop material comes in a variety of color options, so this may be the right choice if you want to go bold with your kitchen.



Countertop Edges

After picking out the material, it's time to think about your countertop edges. Rounded edges may be better for a family with young children, while square edges could be an asset to household members with poor vision. The picture below represents a few of your countertop edge options that you can discuss with your showroom consultant.



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APPLIANCES

High-quality appliances turn any kitchen into a chef's paradise.

Put the "fun" in functionality with energy-efficient, aesthetically pleasing kitchen appliances. From a modern set of retro red appliances to a contemporary series of stainless steel appliances, you can mix-and-match your appliances to fit virtually any style of kitchen.

Choosing Kitchen Appliances

When it comes to selecting the right kitchen appliances, you'll want to consider the characteristics most important to you: beauty, functionality, efficiency, or all three? Would you prefer a high-end kitchen that would make *Food Network* chefs green with envy, or would you prefer a simple kitchen for homecooked meals? Here's what to look for when selecting each appliance:

COOKTOPS

Cooktops come in gas, electric, and induction models. While many homeowners may prefer gas cooktops for their high performance, keep in mind that gas cooktops are less heat-efficient. Electric cooktops are more efficient, but not as high-performing. Induction cooktops are gaining in popularity due to their sleek appearance, heat efficiency, and high performance.

RANGES

Ranges allow you to combine your cooktop and oven into one unit. They are popular because they save space, working particularly well in a galley-style kitchen. Determine your cooking, pricing, and style needs to choose the right range.

REFRIGERATORS

Refrigerators can be built into cabinets or positioned in the room as a standalone appliance (full-depth). Full-depth refrigerators allow for more storage space, but a bulkier appearance. Be sure to consider food storage space, freezer space, and efficiency when selecting a refrigerator.

DISHWASHERS

The three most common types of dishwashers are built-in, compact, and drawer. A built-in model is the standard dishwasher, which uses a two-rack layout and is 24 inches in width. A compact dishwasher is 18 inches wide, allowing you to save undercounter kitchen space. Drawer dishwashers are smaller and require less energy and water.

HOODS

There are four types of vent hoods: under-cabinets that recirculate air back into the kitchen, wall-mounted chimneys that are wall-mounted and resemble a chimney, ceiling-mounted chimney that are sleek in appearance, and custom builds.



WALL OVENS

Wall ovens make it easier to insert and remove food items, eliminating the need to bend over and stoop down to use them as one would with an oven range. They also allow you to save on undercounter space, allowing you the freedom to install more drawers and other appliances instead. Wall ovens can come with time-saving extra features, such as bigger windows, improved heat distribution, and full-extension racks.

ADDITIONAL KITCHEN APPLIANCES

The appliances listed above are the most common kitchen appliances, but there are many more types of kitchen appliances designed to make your life easier. Some other kitchen appliances include:

- Microwaves
- Ice makers
- Beverage Coolers
- Warming Drawers
- Garbage Compactors
- Grills

LIGHTING

Proper lighting helps you complete tasks such as cooking and cleaning.

When it comes to lighting, don't underestimate the importance of the right kitchen lighting in helping you cook complicated dishes and germproof your kitchen counters. The perfect kitchen lighting also sets the right mood for social activities, such as a homecooked brunch with the ladies or a wine night with your book club.

There are three main types of kitchen lighting: ambient lighting, task lighting, and accent lighting.

Ambient Lighting

Ambient lighting is the lighting you use for general kitchen activities. It should spread light evenly throughout the room at a comfortable level. This type of lighting includes chandeliers, ceiling-mounted fixtures, recessed lights, track lights, and lanterns.

CHANDELIERS

Appreciated for their beauty and elegance, chandeliers may be ornate or minimalistic. Light up a traditional-style kitchen with a curved, detailed chandelier or illuminate a modern or contemporary kitchen with a simple pendant.

CEILING- AND WALL-MOUNTED FIXTURES

If you'd like to add height to your ceiling, a ceiling- or wall-mounted lighting fixture may be right for you. It illuminates the room without taking up the additional space a chandelier would use.

RECESSED LIGHTS

This style of lighting is also good for creating additional ceiling height in a low-ceiling room. These lights are recessed underneath the ceiling or wall, providing a soft glow without added bulkiness. Some kitchens may combine recessed lighting with other lighting types so you can adjust the dimness.

TRACK LIGHTS

Track lights are hung along a monorail. This type of lighting is great for modern or contemporary kitchens, adding an "art gallery" feel. If you consider your kitchen to be a work of art, and you enjoy the flexibility of these lights, this might be the right lighting style for you.

LANTERNS

While frequently hung outside of the home, kitchen lanterns are increasing in popularity due to their charming Old World style. If you're looking for a unique way to illuminate the home and dress up a traditional interior, lanterns are the way to go!



Task Lighting

Task lighting helps you complete specific tasks, such as preparing and cooking food, washing dishes, doing homework on the kitchen table, dusting your countertop, or polishing your glassware. Task lighting should be more illuminating than ambient lighting to prevent eye strain, but not so bright that it hurts your eyes. If you have a glossy countertop, for example, take into consideration the glare of an undercabinet light for certain tasks.

Task lighting may take the form of recessed lighting, pendant lighting, undercabinet lighting, or floor and desk lamps.

Accent Lighting

Accent lighting creates a focal point for the kitchen. Use accent lighting to highlight your prized petunia houseplants, your contemporary art gallery, your children's clay sculptures, or your collection of rocks shaped like Elvis Presley. Your accent lighting should be at least three times as powerful as your ambient lighting in order to successfully draw attention to the desired focal point.

Accent lighting may be provided by recessed lighting, track lighting, or wall-mounted lighting.

FLOORING & WALLS

Set the right ambience with coordinated kitchen flooring and walls.

Make your kitchen cabinets, countertops, and appliances pop with the right kitchen flooring/wall combination. Even the most bland kitchen can be transformed into the hub of the home with a simple splash of color. Read on to learn about your flooring/wall material options.

Flooring

TILE

Durable, customizable, and waterproof, it's not hard to see why tile is one of the most popular kitchen flooring materials. Not only is it available in a variety of shapes and sizes, it's also easy to clean. Choose between glossy or matte finishes and solid-colored or patterned tiles.

NATURAL STONE

Whether you prefer a classic or contemporary look, natural stone flooring adds elegance to any kitchen. Natural stone comes in a variety of colors, patterns, and textures for a nearly limitless set of options for your kitchen. This cool, durable material feels great under tired feet.

WOOD

Hardwood flooring adds warmth and coziness to your kitchen. With proper care, your wood floor can last for a long time. Moisture can damage wood flooring, so make sure to coat it with a water-resistant finish.



Walls

PAINT

Get in touch with your inner artist with this inexpensive wall covering method. You can paint your walls a solid color or explore different patterns. If you're going this route, be sure to use a water-resistant primer before you start painting.



CERAMIC TILE

Easy to clean and maintain, ceramic tile is available in various colors, patterns, and shapes. Ceramic tile is typically applied to one part of the wall, whether it be your kitchen backsplash or above your upper cabinets.

WALLPAPER

Wallpaper dresses up a kitchen and adds charm. It can be applied to part of a wall, or it can cover the entire wall. You'll have multiple choices, from country gingham to traditional floral patterns.

WOOD PANELING

Wood paneling is perfect for a rustic, country-style kitchen. It also can help you recreate the "ski lodge" environment. Certain types of paneling may need to be sealed with a water-resistant coating to prevent warping and mold growth.

COLOR CHOICES

Colors evoke specific moods. When picking out colors, consider how you'd like to feel in your kitchen. Choose flooring & wall colors wisely:

- Red:** Energetic, stimulating, adrenaline-inducing
- Blue:** Calming, relaxing, lower blood pressure
- Green:** Fresh, comforting, relaxing, natural
- Neutral:** Classic, serene, comforting
- Purple:** Elegant, royal, dramatic, luxurious
- Yellow:** Happy, energetic, inviting
- Orange:** Enthusiastic, energetic, healthy

DETERMINE YOUR NEEDS

Maximize your kitchen's function by determining your family's needs.

Before you begin picking out fixtures, cabinets, and appliances it's important that you thoughtfully assess your kitchen needs.

What Are Your Kitchen Needs?

What do you like about your current kitchen?

What do you dislike about your current kitchen?

What would you have in your dream kitchen?

What color schemes do you like?

What kind of kitchen style/s do you like?

Traditional? Contemporary? Modern?

Does any household member have special needs?

How would you like to make your kitchen layout more efficient?

What type of mood are you looking to evoke?

What are your storage needs?

How often does more than one person use your kitchen at the same time?

What are the heights of each household cook?

Would you prefer the eating and dining areas to be together or separate?

Do you frequently entertain guests?

What kinds of water-conserving, energy-saving fixtures would you like to add?

What activities happen in your kitchen?

How many people do you need to seat; and would you prefer to seat them at an island or peninsula?

What are your storage concerns?

Which is more important to you: the aesthetics of the kitchen, or the function of the kitchen?

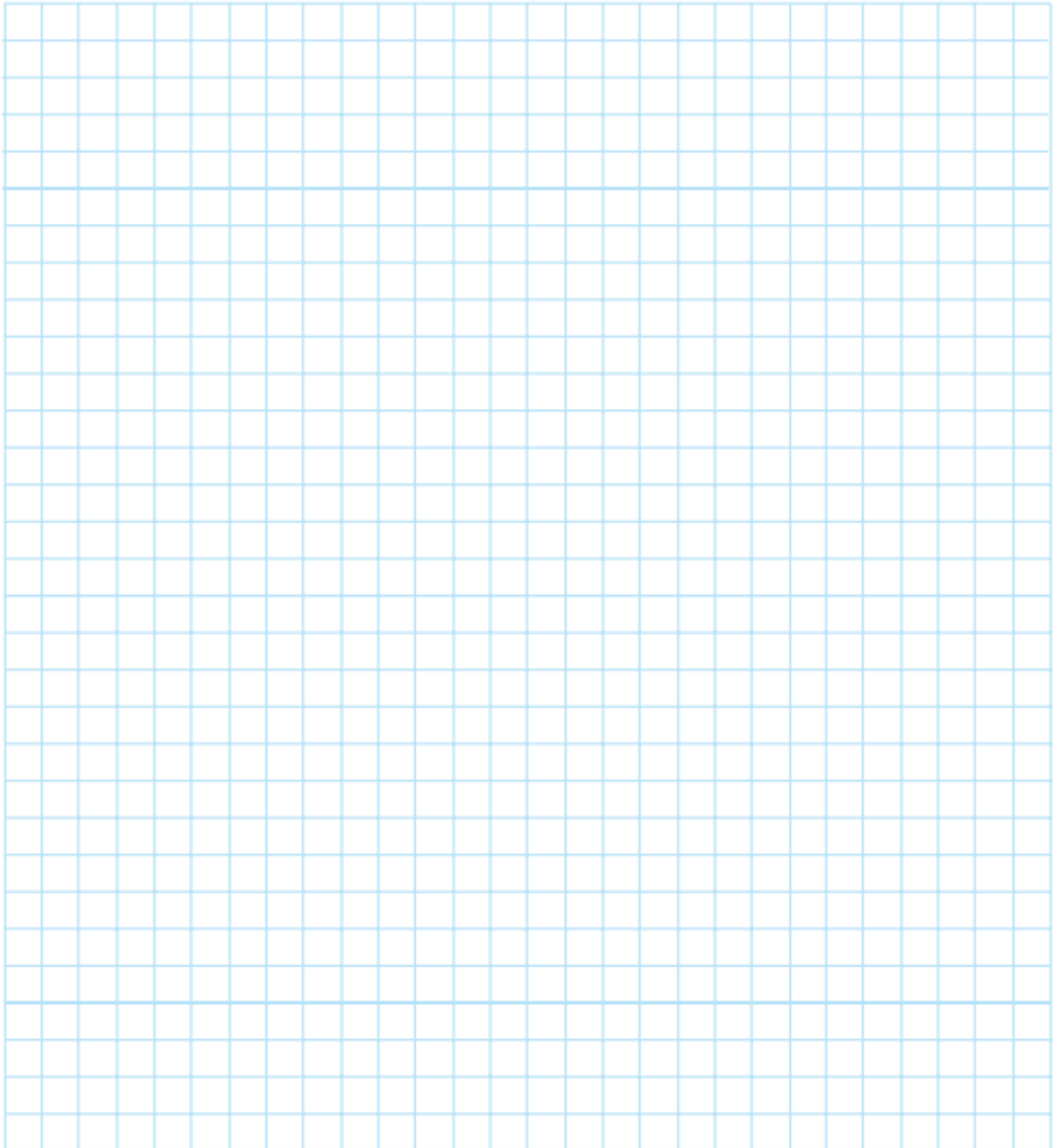
Are there children in your household? If so, what are their ages?

Do you have any other kitchen concerns/needs?

DRAWING YOUR FLOOR PLAN

Use the grid below to draw your floor plan.

To help us design your project as accurately as possible, please record all dimensions and locations of doors, windows, and appliances. Also show the locations of vents, lighting fixtures, wall switches, outlets, and utility connections.



DETAIL SPECIFICATIONS

Determine your project detail specifications for accuracy.

Appliance	Brand	Model	Appl. WxHxD	Cutout WxHxD	Panel WxHxD
Cooktop/ Rangetop					
Range					
Hood					
Microwave					
Dishwasher					
Compactor					
Refrigerator					
Wall Oven					
Beverage Cooler					
Ice Maker					
Warming Drawer					
Sink					
Other					

Window and Door Dimensions

Measure the dimensions of all the windows and doors in the kitchen in inches. Include window trim for window and door measurements A and B.

A=door width, B=door height
C=top of door trim to ceiling
D=bottom of door trim to floor

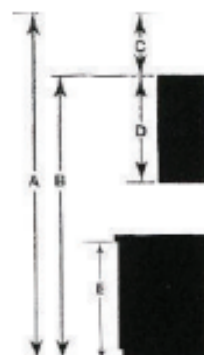


Use the numbers in the table below to label the locations of doors and windows on your kitchen floor plan.

	A	B	C	D
1				
2				
3				
4				

Room Information

Measure the dimensions below for your existing cabinetry in your kitchen. Record the measurements in inches.



A Finished Floor to Ceiling Height: _____

B Finished Floor to Top of Wall Cabinet: _____

C Soffit/Open Area Height: _____

D Wall Cabinet Height: _____

E Lower Cabinet Height: _____

PRODUCT CHECKLIST

Use this form to select the right products for your kitchen.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Project Start Date: _____

General Contractor: _____

Plumbing Contractor: _____

Room Name: _____

Budget (range): _____

KITCHEN CHECKLIST

Cabinets:

Wood Species: _____

Door Style: _____

Cabinet Frame Style:

Framed Frameless

Semi-frameless

Finish: _____

Other: _____

Cabinet Hardware:

Finish: _____

Size: _____

Style:

Knob Drop Handle

Bar Pull Ring Pull

Custom Other

Storage Accessories:

Lazy Susan Wire Rack

Deep Drawer Pull-out Tray

Floating Shelf Spice Rack

Quiet-close
Drawer Wastebasket
Drawer

Sliding Shelf Pegged Drawer

Rail System Pot/Pan Drawer

Tiered Rack Drawer Divider

Wall-Top Hinge Wall Stem Glass
Cabinet Holder

Base Table Plate Rack

Countertops:

Color: _____

Solid Surface Marble

Quartz Backsplash

Laminate Side Splash

Wood Other

Granite

Faucets:

Finish: _____

Bridge Commercial

High-arc Pot Filler

Single-hole Pullout or
Pull-down

Wall Mount

Sink:

Material: _____

Color: _____

Drop-in Farmhouse

Undermount Bar

Corner

Notes:

Water Purification:

Point-of-Use Point-of-Entry

Iron/Sulfur R.O. System

Filter Water Softener

Carbon Filter

Garbage Disposers:

Economy Standard

Premium

Appliances:

Cooktop Ranges

Range Hood

Beverage Warming
Cooler Drawer

Dishwasher Compactor

Refrigerator Wall Oven

Ice maker Microwave

Range Hoods:

Undercabinet Chimney Hood

Island Hood Custom Inserts

Downdraft

Lighting:

Task Ambient

Accent

Flooring:

Hardwood Laminate

Bamboo Cork

Vinyl Linoleum

Tile Natural Stone

Walls:

Paint Wood

Wallpaper Stone

Brick Concrete

WHERE TO BUY

Visit our designer bath & kitchen showroom.

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