

The background of the middle section is a photograph of a modern kitchen. It features dark wood cabinetry, a large island with a patterned countertop, and a wooden ceiling with exposed beams. The kitchen is well-lit with pendant lights hanging over the island. The overall aesthetic is warm and contemporary.

THE COMPLETE CHECKLIST KITCHEN REMODEL



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If your kitchen looks like it was updated back when *The Beverly Hillbillies* took up a prime time TV slot, it is probably time to enlist the help of a professional for a kitchen remodeling job.

The kitchen is considered one of the most time-consuming (and often expensive) renovations in the home and requires careful strategic planning.



According to the National Kitchen and Bath Association, homeowners spend approximately 11-22 percent of their home value on a kitchen project. Recent estimates from *Remodeling* magazine also state that a minor remodel of a 200-square-foot kitchen runs \$20,077-\$23,210, and a mid-range major kitchen remodel, including an island and other upgrades, averages \$52,405-\$63,803. Your kitchen remodel may be considerably less or more depending on the size and complexity of the job.

When you are spending this kind of money, you want to make sure your investment results in the kitchen of your dreams.

When to Remodel Your Kitchen



Before getting started, it's important to carefully consider the timing of your kitchen remodel work to make sure that the time of year – and various life events – coincides well with the project.

Keep in mind, the length of the kitchen remodeling project depends on the overall scope of the work. As such, you will need to allow time for planning and design, hiring a kitchen remodeling company, building permit applications, researching and ordering materials, and then waiting for those materials

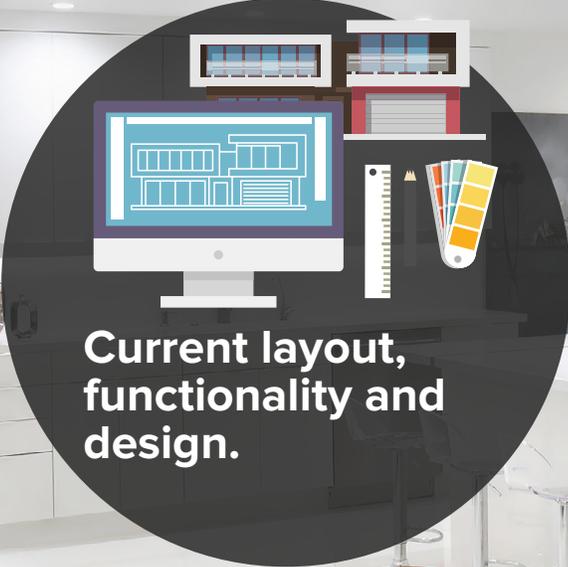
to arrive. From beginning to end, an extensive kitchen remodel can take several weeks to several months based on the details of your project.



Where to Start

While professionals should be hired to take on your kitchen remodeling job, you should know what outcome you are trying to accomplish and have a thorough understanding of your project requirements.

This list includes having a firm grasp on your:



Current layout, functionality and design.



Goals for your ideal kitchen, such as creating more space or a more modern, open design.



Budget and what that includes, such as new appliances, counters or knocking down a wall.



Desired outcome of your new dream kitchen layout, functionality and design.

The Key to Keeping Your Sanity



To help you understand some of the significant decisions you will need to make, we have developed a simple kitchen remodel checklist to walk you through the process.

Keep in mind, this checklist provides an essential road map to what is expected in a kitchen remodel, and more importantly, will help you avoid stressful situations during your project.

The Complete Kitchen Remodel Checklist:

Define your needs/desires

While you probably already have some basic ideas about what you want – and need – in a kitchen remodel, it is vital to know the exact changes you want to plan your project successfully.

For example, if you expect to gut out your current space completely, prepare yourself for a more in-depth renovation project that will take your kitchen down to the bare walls and subflooring. On the other hand, perhaps you just want a few aesthetic changes like flooring, lighting and new appliances. Whatever the scenario, be sure to define your needs, so you have a solid game plan.



Plan the budget



Along with the details comes the plan to fund your kitchen remodel.

Whether you're working with available resources or you need financing options, prepare the budget to ensure that you remain within these boundaries. After all, your budget will have a direct impact on the magnitude and scope of the project and the price tag of the materials you select.



Find a contractor



Once you have a general idea of your budget and desired plan, it's time to find a professional contractor who can help make your kitchen remodel happen.

It's no secret that hiring a kitchen remodeling contractor can be an overwhelming process. Be sure to spend time talking to several different professionals to discuss your ideas. Research contractors online to read customer reviews, ask for references and seek input from friends and neighbors. After consideration of each company, carefully choose the one that ultimately aligns with your personal style and budget.



Research and create a design



A lot of planning must start before you even think about tearing out your first cabinet. The first steps are researching ideas to help better define your needs and wants, set a rough budget and think about your preferred style. Magazines and the Internet are valuable resources to help you illustrate the scope of your project.

It is never too early to enlist the help of a Republic West Remodeling designer. In fact, the fun part is dreaming about your exciting new kitchen and creating a design plan.

We always encourage clients to educate themselves about the latest trends and styles to be better informed about what's available and popular. And don't forget the "extras." As you are designing your new kitchen, pay attention to the details that can make your life easier and your space more pleasant. For example, a walk-in pantry might be something you will appreciate or a kitchen nook where you can sit with a laptop to manage your household. If you are unsure about your concept, ask your remodeling contractor for ideas that you might like to incorporate into your design.



Ensure your schedule is flexible



A good kitchen remodeling contractor and designer will do much more than help you visualize how new cabinets will look on the wall. As experts, they will serve as reliable resources, project coordinators and sounding boards as you finalize your plans.

During the process, you will often communicate with your remodeling professional about issues related to storage, organization and design elements, as well as how to match up countertops, cabinet door styles, hardware, colors, new appliances, flooring and backsplashes. Additionally, they will help you ponder more intricate details, such as spacers, trim, molding and toe kick.



Appliances, fixtures and lighting



Many customers tell us the vast world of appliances and fixtures is often an overwhelming experience. With so many options, it can make anyone's head spin.

We suggest narrowing down your selection to the appliances and fixtures that are in your price range, which can help simplify the selection process. Also, seek recommendations from the experts working on your kitchen remodel – they likely have professional advice they can share during the process that will fit your kitchen, your lifestyle and your budget.

Finally, understand that the lighting you include in your kitchen needs to serve two purposes: style and function. For example, recessed lighting over work areas is ideal as it illuminates your space while looking elegant. Or hanging pendants work well over eating areas for lighting that is more trendy.



The Bottom Line

Choosing the right kitchen remodeling contractor is important. The wrong one can lead to wasting precious time, spending over budget and suffering extreme frustration with an overall terrible experience.

Kitchen remodels projects are the kind that you might dread and anticipate with enthusiasm at the same time.

However, by hiring an all-inclusive home remodeling company, like [Republic West Remodeling](#), you can remove the fear factor, increasing your chances of finishing your kitchen renovation on time and, most importantly, on budget. In fact, at Republic West Remodeling, we know you work hard for your money, and we will not waste a penny of it. Our goal is always to adhere to the budget and avoid any issues that can lead to costly delays. We promise to treat you fairly and with respect.

Schedule Your Complimentary Kitchen Remodeling Consultation

Are you ready to transform your kitchen into the dream kitchen you have always wanted? Contact us today for the highest quality, luxury kitchen remodeling services. We proudly serve Scottsdale, Phoenix and the Phoenix Metro area. Call [\(480\) 428-2695](tel:480-428-2695) for your free consultation, or contact us [online](#).

