

# 5 THINGS TO DO

In deciding on what to do in hiring a kitchen designer a well thought out plan is necessary for any kitchen design project to be successful.

A good kitchen designer should be able to work with you to create the design that will both fit your desires and needs and that squares with your budget.

## BEFORE STARTING A KITCHEN DESIGN PROJECT

### 1. HOW MUCH ARE YOU WILLING TO SPEND?

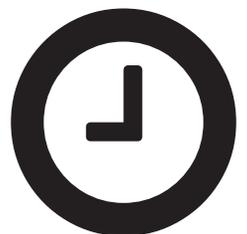
Level with the designer just how much you will be willing to spend on your kitchen design project.

Let the designer know just what you would feel comfortable spending. This way you can insure that the designer and contractor will have a clear direction on where to go with the project and not go overboard. They will have a good idea of the limits when drawing up plans and selecting materials.



### 2. HOW MUCH TIME ARE YOU WILLING TO DEVOTE?

You need to consider what your personal needs are and if you will be able to work around the necessary construction in your kitchen. By consulting with an experienced kitchen designer you can get a good idea of how long your kitchen design project will take by providing a timeline that your family can plan around.



### 3. WHAT STYLE ARE YOU PLANNING FOR YOUR KITCHEN DESIGN PROJECT?

You want to give the kitchen designer as much information as possible. You need to do as much research as possible before your meeting with a kitchen designer.

First you should consult with design magazines and catalogs to get an idea of what style and design elements you would like to see for your kitchen. To compile more ideas visit kitchen design showrooms, check out products and design on the internet and take notes. What are your likes and dislikes regarding colour and styles. Make a scrapbook with clips from the magazines and catalogs, as well as examples of materials and design elements you would like to see in the kitchen. Use these to show the kitchen designer what your vision is for the new kitchen. Also bring a list of questions for your kitchen designer.



### 4. HOW DO YOU USE YOUR KITCHEN?

You need to be prepared for questions that a kitchen designer will ask you when you first meet with them. Among the questions that you need to ask yourself before talking to your kitchen designer are:



Will you be doing a lot of entertaining with family and friends? Is your family busy during the week with lots

of activities? You should also find out what other family members have in the way of ideas.

### 5. HOW TO PREPARE FOR YOUR KITCHEN DESIGN PROJECT?

You will need to prepare for the disruption that will be caused by your kitchen design project. But with the right planning you can make the project run as smoothly and as quickly as possible.



You need to make sure that the kitchen design project area and the living area are separate for both safety reasons and to stay out of the way of the contractor and his crew. You might have to set up a temporary kitchen in another room of the house. What time of the year you schedule a kitchen design project can make it easier on everyone since in the warmer months it is possible to eat and cook outdoors. - DYH

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