

Kitchen Design 50-200

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A well-planned kitchen makeover can provide the best return on investment of any home improvement project you can make. Whether you dream of a high end kitchen or just a kitchen sink and faucets that work correctly, and whether it's a do-it-yourself (diy) kitchen project or something that requires professional contractors, good planning is the key to your success.

The first step in planning an optimal kitchen design is to document the space you have to work with. Measure your space, noting any window or door openings, heating or cooling vents, and anything else that cannot be easily removed. Make note of any small kitchen appliances you will need to allow space for. It's helpful to take kitchen pictures of each wall to help you keep scale in mind as you imagine new added elements such as kitchen islands or additional appliances.

Professional kitchen designers are available at many large building supply stores, though in order to use their services, you must commit to buying your kitchen cabinets or kitchen appliances through their store. These professionals are experienced in remodeling kitchens and can give you kitchen island design ideas and kitchen lighting ideas, as well as recommend the best kitchen countertops, kitchen hardware, and kitchen floors for your individual space.

If you would like to keep the cost of your kitchen renovation down but you're not a handyman, you can still consider refinishing kitchen cabinets or installing new kitchen back splash tile yourself.