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KITCHEN MAKEOVERS

A Handy Guide

Essential tips and tricks from our industry experts to help you plan your kitchen renovation

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Renovations are never easy. You could easily spend months plotting and planning with your interior designer to get every single detail right. With kitchens being the most functional and integral part of a home, this task becomes even more crucial.

So, how does one go about it? Professional help is the obvious choice. Before you get there, we suggest you get some ground work done. Ideally, research is where the process begins. Research as much as possible, look for design inspirations that would be a close match to the space that needs renovation. Instagram and Pinterest are great platforms for ideas. Filled with everything from the latest to the oldest styles, you'll get yourself a reasonable moodboard before you fix your first meeting with the interior designer.

Just to simplify the process, we have taken the liberty to break it down under two major categories — Design and Appliances.

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PICK YOUR DESIGN

We believe that good design has a positive influence. It doesn't necessarily mean luxurious-looking spaces.

IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU COMMUNICATE YOUR EXPECTATIONS WITH THE DESIGNER TO ENSURE SMOOTH EXECUTION AND TO FINALLY OWN A KITCHEN THAT TRULY WORKS FOR YOU.

— Vaishali Lahoti Shah, Chief Designer, Cuisine Regale



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“Design plays a vital role. It could either make or break your kitchen. If you have the space, go in either for an open kitchen, or an L-shaped or U-shaped one. If you are cramped for space, you could open up the walls and merge the kitchen into your living room,” explains Rahul Gupta, interior designer and founder, 9th Corner Inc.

Interior designer Ayushi Kanodia at Ayushi Kanodia Designs, on the other hand feels, “Nowadays, everyone is opting for modular kitchens since they can be customised

as per your requirement and budget. The key here is maximum utilisation of space.”

Additionally, an important criteria while designing your space is connectivity. This means placing the hob (with an oven underneath), fridge and sink (with the dishwasher next to it) in a triangle. Why? Because these are the main working points in the kitchen, which helps you undertake tasks in an efficient and easy manner,” explains Jade Davies, CEO & Interior Designer, MKM Luxe Suisse. ▶

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**WHEN REDESIGNING
YOUR KITCHEN, CONSIDER
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REPLICATE THE LAYOUT
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KITCHEN OR HAVE A
TOTAL REDESIGN.**

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FOCUS ON KEY ELEMENTS

Accessories and appliances make up your key elements. Storage and food habits should determine the choice of right elements for your kitchen. Think smart. Shop smart.

"An ideal kitchen comprises countertops, a chimney, overhead shutters/ cabinets, space for your appliances and other useful kitchen utilities," explains Ayushi Kanodia, Interior Designer at Ayushi Kanodia Designs.


Vaishali Lahoti Shah from Cuisine Regale believes, "One of the foundations to a functional kitchen is storage.

Homeowners should opt for smart solutions within the cabinets. This includes drawer dividers for cutlery and utensils, pull-out for spices, organisers, roll-out trays, caddies for pots and pans, etc."

Taking the conversation forward, she says, "Appliances can easily be the most

expensive part of a kitchen remodel. Deciding what can fit in and where to place them is an important and personal decision."

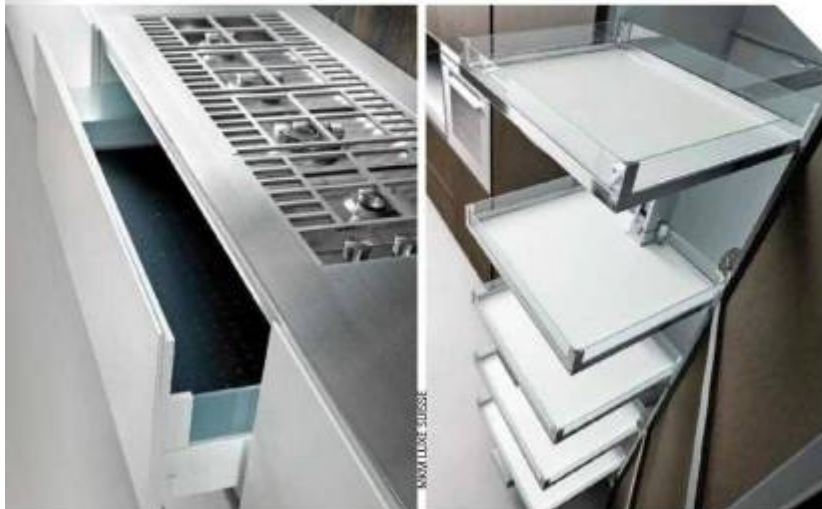
"The appliances that you opt for should be chosen according to your food habits. Multipurpose appliances are definite space savers and give your kitchen its final look. For example, a food processor, a chimney with microwave, and a microwave with convection and griller," suggests Rahul Gupta of 9th Corner Inc.

You could have a kitchen with all the fancy gadgets and gizmos available in the market today. But, do you need it? Bring in only what you absolutely need. Don't clutter the kitchen. 



THE CHOICE OF MATERIALS TOGETHER WITH THE FURNITURE DESIGN AND APPLIANCES MUST ALWAYS FOLLOW RATIONALITY.

— Emanuele Tavolini, Director of Sales, GRAFF Europe



TOP PICKS

No matter what you opt for, the appliances should be a reflection of your food habits.

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