

planning guide



Carefree
KITCHENS
& LIGHTING

USE THIS PLANNING GUIDE TO GET INSPIRED, FIND YOUR STYLE AND DISCOVER MORE ABOUT YOUR DREAM SPACE. GOING INTO A PROJECT WITH A PLAN WILL HELP YOU ACHIEVE THE SPACE THAT YOU'VE BEEN WANTING.



GETTING STARTED

PRE-PLANNING

Think about how you would use your space. What do you love? What does it lack? What would you change? Do the appliances and fixtures meet your needs?

PLAN YOUR BUDGET

Set realistic expectations that allow for all the items you want in your space.

FIND YOUR STYLE

Visualize the look of your kitchen. Feel free to include inspiration photos along with your Planning Guide.

IDENTIFY YOUR NEEDS

Consider the functional aspects of your kitchen. Tell your professional designer how you will use your kitchen and they can help make it function for you.

INCLUDE CRITICAL INFORMATION

Let your designer know the appliances and fixtures you plan on introducing into your space and they will provide a design that accommodates them.

MEASURE YOUR SPACE

Knowing how much space you have is critical to creating realistic expectations for your layout. Measure every wall, opening, and permanent fixture; be sure to include your ceiling height.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Provide inspiration photos, existing space photos, or builder blueprints, along with the completed Planning Guide. The more your designer knows about your space, the better they can accommodate it.



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CONTACT INFORMATION

Date _____

Name _____ Phone/Cell _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email Address _____

WHAT TO EXPECT

WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT FROM YOUR DESIGNER

In addition to offering guidance on door style, wood type, and color selections, your professional designer will typically prepare four types of documents for your review:

FLOOR PLAN

A floor plan shows the wall layout from above and an outline of the components that will fill the space, such as cabinetry and appliances.

ELEVATION

A "flat" drawing that shows each wall of cabinetry as if you were standing and facing it. The elevation is a good resource for cabinetry detail and measurements.

PERSPECTIVE

A perspective drawing is 3-dimensional. It shows the room as if you were standing in it. Perspective drawings provide details such as areas that are increased or decreased in depth, a dimensional quality that elevation drawings don't offer.

PRICING

An overall price of the project with cabinets, accessories, modifications, and embellishments included.

HOW TO PREPARE

HOW YOU SHOULD PREPARE FOR THE DESIGN

As you begin to dream about your new space, put together a folder of images that reflect your lifestyle and vision. Photos, magazine clippings, ads, articles, and samples will help your designer visually understand your tastes and preferences. Begin assessing your current space over a period of time, both its negatives and positives. Make notes of your habits - buying bulk, recycling, avid cook - these are critical to helping your designer understand how you live in your kitchen. Start looking at appliances, flooring, and countertop. Get a feel for what you like and how much it will cost. This will help you determine the overall budget.

WHAT TO BUDGET

OUTLINE YOUR BUDGET

It is important to establish a budget, taking into consideration all of the factors that will contribute to the project. Will you be moving walls, electrical or plumbing locations? Replacing the floor? Appliances, cabinetry, and countertops will impact the budget depending on the materials selected; installation services should also be an important consideration. Sharing an initial budget with your designer helps keep your selections within your budget.

Recommended Budget Allocation as a % of the Budget

	Cabinets	Flooring	Countertops	Appliances	Electrical	Wall Treatments	Labor	Miscellaneous
Kitchen	40%	7%	12%	10%	5%	3%	22%	1%
Bath	30%	8%	10%	25%	8%	8%	15%	1%
Office	40%	8%	10%	15%	8%	3%	15%	1%

Based on recommended allocations, a kitchen remodel with a budget of \$20,000 would have an \$8,000 allowance for cabinetry.

What is your budget range for cabinetry? _____

Fill in the following: (if known) Door Style _____ Wood _____ Finish _____

WHAT'S YOUR STYLE?

Everyone has a particular style and no matter what it is, we have the look that will satisfy your taste. Identify your style below to classify your preferences and find the cabinets that are right for you.

CONTEMPORARY

Think streamlined and bold. Walking a fine line between utilitarian and modern, open spaces and clean lines define this style. Sparingly decorated, this style relies on sleek looks and smooth, polished surfaces to create an up-to-the-minute style.

CASUAL

Traditional detailing with a laid back attitude. This style creates a balance of relaxation and refinement. It's more about personalization of the space and finding harmony between all of the individual elements.

RUSTIC

A rustic look with old world charm. Weathered and distressed styling brings the appeal of the outdoors in with natural materials, carved woods, heavy copper or iron. A mix of textures and embellishments comes together to tell a unique story.

TRADITIONAL

Ornate, rich, and decorative details embody the golden age of Europe. This style uses a variety of colors, elaborate embellishments, and a blend of materials. It maintains order and refinement through symmetry and balance.

☐ CONTEMPORARY

- Natural materials
- Bold colors
- Minimal embellishments



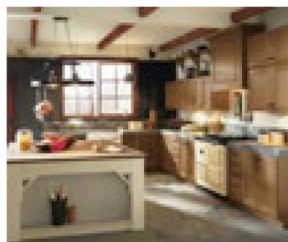
☐ CASUAL

- Mixture of materials
- Harmony of colors
- Simple embellishments



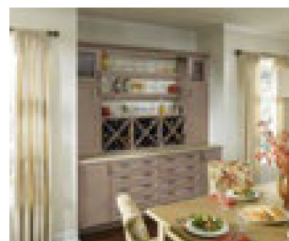
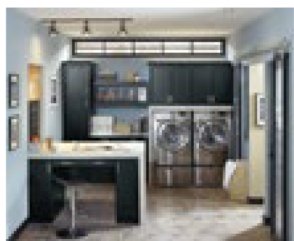
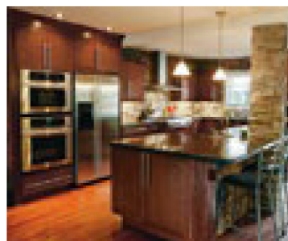
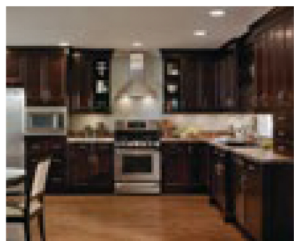
☐ RUSTIC

- Distressed or worn materials
- Warm spectrum of color
- Rustic embellishments



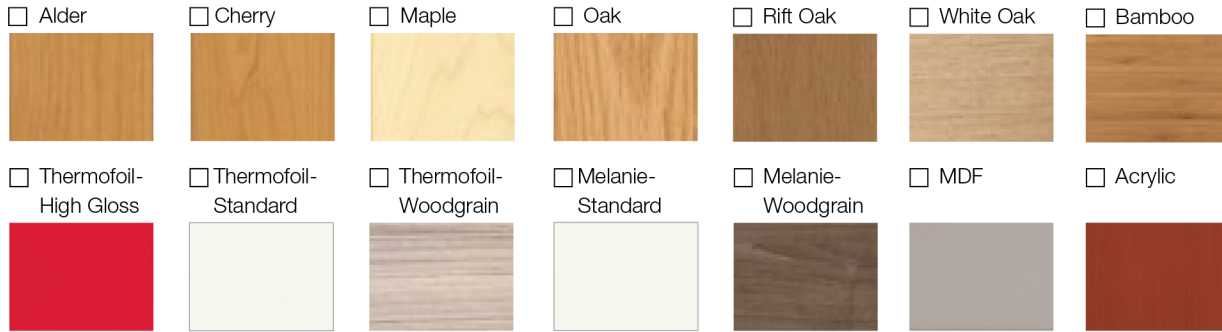
☐ TRADITIONAL

- Luxury materials
- Rich complementing colors
- Elaborate embellishments



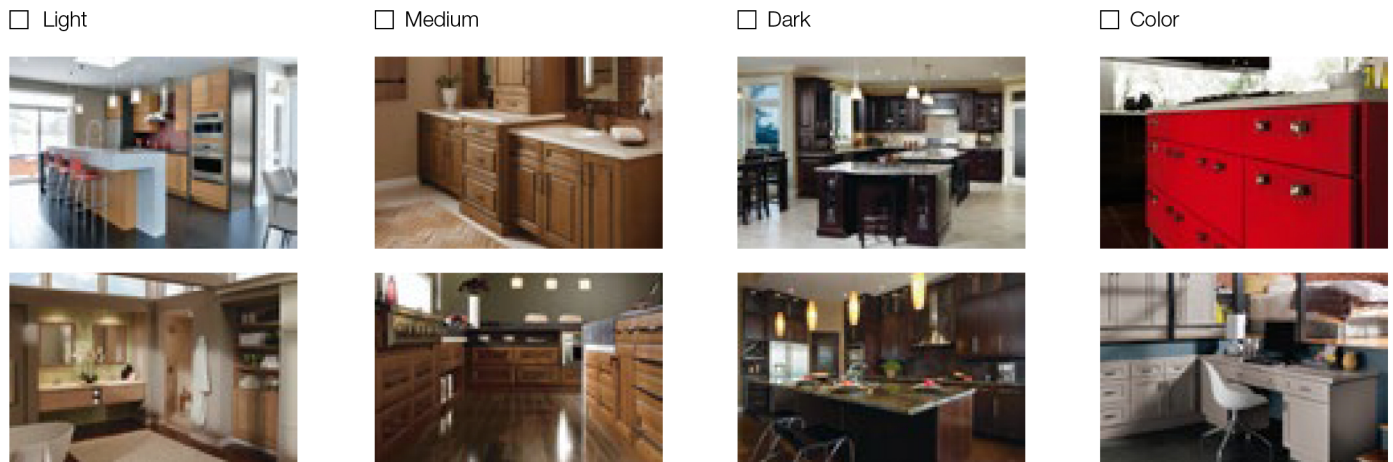
NOT ALL WOODS ARE CREATED EQUAL

Some woods are harder, some softer. Some grow darker with age and some become lighter - so understanding how a wood will perform and age over the lifetime of your cabinetry is an important first step. Be inspired by selecting your preferred wood type(s) below.



COLOR CHANGES EVERYTHING

When selecting a color palette, look to the world around you. Be sure to integrate some of the same color tones throughout your home to have harmonious flow from room to room. Select your color preference(s) below.



THE FINISHING TOUCH

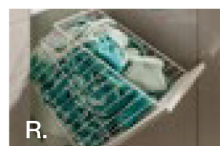
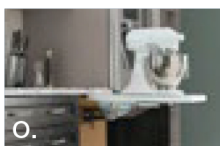
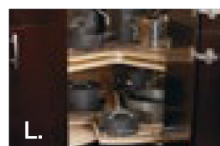
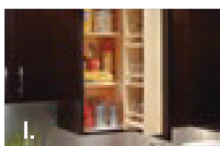
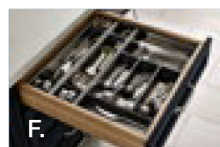
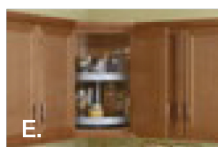
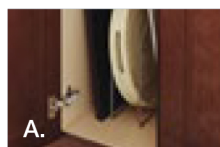
Moulding and accents provide depth and finish to your design. Select your finishing touches below.



STORAGE OPTIONS

CHECK THE STORAGE OPTIONS YOU WOULD LIKE TO INCLUDE:

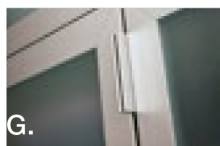
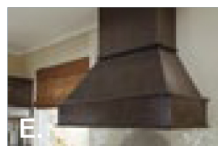
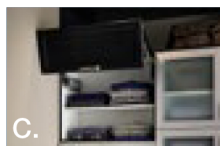
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| <input type="checkbox"/> B. Pots & Pans Pull Out | <input type="checkbox"/> G. Double Cutlery Tray | <input type="checkbox"/> L. Lazy Susan | <input type="checkbox"/> Q. Cabmat |
| <input type="checkbox"/> C. Slide Out Trays | <input type="checkbox"/> H. Base Pantry Pullout | <input type="checkbox"/> M. Tall with Full Width Drawers | <input type="checkbox"/> R. Wire Laundry Hamper |
| <input type="checkbox"/> D. Blind Corner with Pullout | <input type="checkbox"/> I. Spice Rack | <input type="checkbox"/> N. Recycling Center | <input type="checkbox"/> S. Pegged Dish Organizer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> E. Wall Angular | <input type="checkbox"/> J. Round Waste Bin | <input type="checkbox"/> O. Base with Mixer Shelf | <input type="checkbox"/> T. U-Shape Slide Out Trays |



EMBELLISHMENTS

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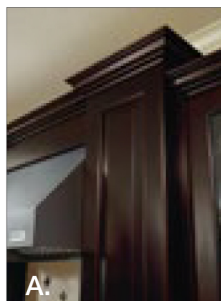
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| <input type="checkbox"/> B. Appliance Panels | <input type="checkbox"/> H. Metal Hoods | <input type="checkbox"/> Roll Trays/Sliding Shelves |
| <input type="checkbox"/> C. Wall Lift Up BiFold Hinges | <input type="checkbox"/> I. Decorative Feet | <input type="checkbox"/> Spice Rack |
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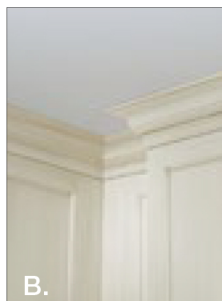
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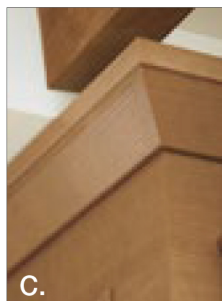
- ☐ A. Heavy Crown Moulding ☐ E. Stacked Moulding ☐ Other (*Please Specify*)
☐ B. Medium Crown ☐ F. Raised Panel Valance _____
☐ C. Straight Angle Crown ☐ G. Under-the-Cabinet Moulding
☐ D. Heavy Medium Crown ☐ None



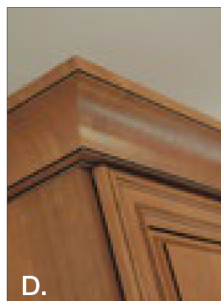
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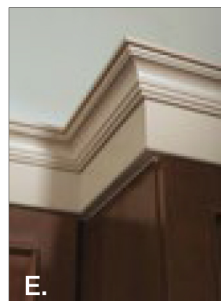
B.



C.



D.



E.

OTHER OPTIONS

Are you interested in staggered height wall cabinets? (See example A.) ☐ Yes ☐ No

Are you interested in staggered depths on wall cabinets? ☐ Yes ☐ No
(Staggered depth is recommended with staggered height for ease of crown moulding install.)

Are you interested in staggered depths on base cabinets? (See example B.) ☐ Yes ☐ No

Would you be interested in: ☐ Island ☐ Bar ☐ Desk Area

What primary purpose will the island/bar serve?

☐ Sink ☐ Cooktop ☐ Food Preparation ☐ Serving ☐ Eating

Would you like the bar to be: ☐ One Level ☐ Multi-Level (See example C.)

Would you like to include material that matches your cabinets to finish the raised bar wall?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, please specify type. ☐ Veneer panel ☐ Decorative doors



A.



B.



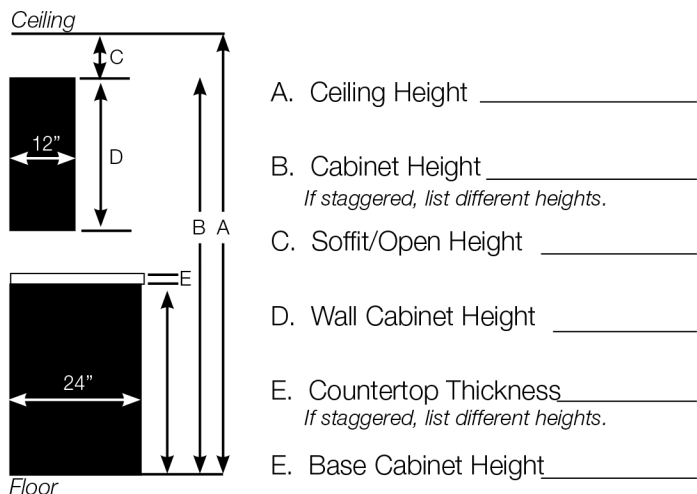
C.

Please fill in the appliance information below completely and accurately. Note: A cabinetry order cannot be placed without appliance dimensions. We want your order to proceed in a timely manner, so please provide this information early in the design process.

	Brand & Model	Width	Height	Depth	Wood Panels	Other Info.
Refrigerator*					<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
Range						
Range Hood						
Cooktop						
Single Oven						
Double Oven						
Microwave						
Over-the-Range microwave						
Dishwasher #1					<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
Dishwasher #2					<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
Sink						<input type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Double
Auxiliary Sink						Location:
Compactor					<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
Wine Cooler					<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
Warming Drawer					<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
Washer					<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
Dryer						
Television						

* For height of refrigerator, measure to top of hinges.

We strongly recommend that you have the installer measure and record the following dimensions (please record dimensions in INCHES):



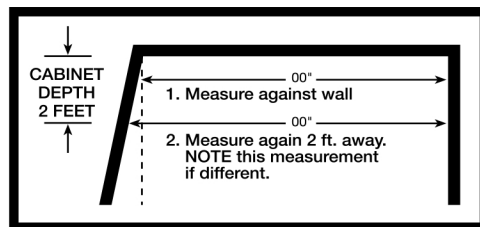
Window / Door	Height*	Width*	Off Floor	From Ceiling
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				
6				

*Please include window trim in the width and height dimensions.

Having accurate measurements is crucial to the accuracy of your room design. Follow the directions below.

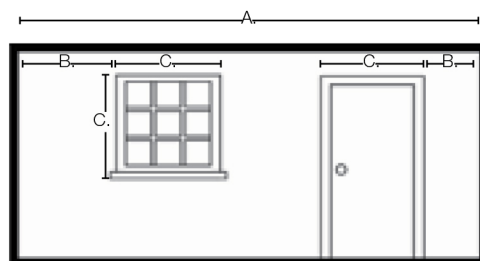
A. FINISHED WALL TO FINISHED WALL LENGTH

Measure the room from finished wall to finished wall. Don't measure from baseboard to baseboard moulding. Record this information. *(If new construction, add for drywall.)*



B. CORNERS TO WINDOWS/DOORS

Measure the distance from corners to any windows or doors. Stop at the outside of the door's (or window's) trim edge. Repeat around the entire room and record this information.



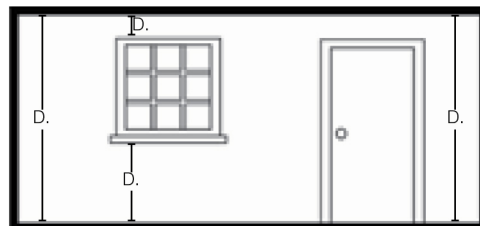
C. DOOR AND WINDOW OPENINGS

Measure the height and width of each door, from outside trim edge to outside trim edge, and record this information. In the same way, measure every window and record. If you plan to replace the trim (or the window), make sure you use the new dimension in your measurements.

TIP: Walls can often be crooked. When measuring along a wall, be sure to measure the same space about two feet away from the wall. Also, measure wall length at 36" above the floor and on the floor. If uneven, you must note it in your Kitchen Layout Grid on page 10. This will result in the most accurate kitchen design.

D. FLOOR TO CEILING/ABOVE AND BELOW WINDOWS

Measure from floor to ceiling in several spots, in case the floor is uneven. Record this information. Measure from the floor to the bottom of the window sill, and the top of the window trim to the ceiling. Record this information.



E. APPLIANCES AND SINK

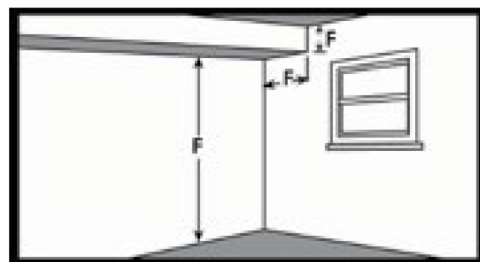
Measure all other permanent items, including appliances, sinks, or tables. Record this information. Measure the distance from corners to any appliance. Stop at the outside of the appliance. Repeat around the entire room. Note the location of light switches, electrical outlets, gas and water lines, which may dictate the placement of cabinetry. Also note all floor and/or wall vents.

TIP: If you are getting new appliances, remember to record the model number and brand.

TIP: Remember to measure the height of your refrigerator to determine the right height for a wall cabinet above the refrigerator. For accuracy, measure to top of the refrigerator door hinge.

F. SOFFIT AREA

The space between your wall cabinets and countertops should be no less than 18". So if your kitchen has soffits, you will need to note this in your drawing. Also, measure the soffit depth to ensure that the cabinets do not extend out from the existing soffits. Record this information.





kitchen layout grid

DRAW YOUR KITCHEN LAYOUT

Write clearly in ink; please draw a layout of your kitchen, including dimensions of appliances, all walls, doors, windows and other openings including casing sizes and heights of windows off the floor and down from the ceiling. (Please record dimensions in INCHES.) The more detailed and accurate information you provide, the more likely you are to receive an accurate design in a timely manner.

A large, empty grid of squares, intended for drawing a kitchen layout. The grid is composed of 20 columns and 30 rows of squares, providing a structured space for the user to draw their kitchen design.