



Kitchen Design Guide

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Introduction

Looking around your kitchen should be a pleasure! All tools and utensils should be organized and placed in direct correlation to the space where you will be using them. Take a look around your kitchen and ask yourself if it is in the exact order that you would like it to be, or if there are some improvements that you would like to make.

Remodeling your kitchen can make a big difference in the way it appears to guests and also in the way that it makes you feel while you are using it. Eye-appealing and functional, kitchen improvement options of today are numerous and can be fairly inexpensive to achieve.

An island stove with cabinets below is a popular feature that many great kitchens share. There are styles available with large counter tops that extend further than the stove area to make an excellent work space. Another popular type of island is one that has a built-in “breakfast bar” with three to four tall stools on the opposite side of the stove. Busy families that are constantly on-the-go benefit from this type of eating area, as it adds convenience for after school snacking and even everyday dining if your isn’t too large.

In order to completely makeover your kitchen, a qualified remodeler can help make a plan that covers everything that you would like to include in your new kitchen. A simple renovation may only involve a few replacements and additions, but if you are looking to completely reinvent your current kitchen, extra planning will pay off.

Kitchen Design on a Dime

Your kitchen is a constant source of nourishment and satisfaction. From making a midnight snack to preparing for a party, the kitchen is a gathering place to nourish body, mind and spirit. If your cooking space looks like a relic from decades gone by, it’s time to consider a new kitchen design on a dime.

Assess Your Kitchen Space



Smart Kitchen Storage



Island Organization Space

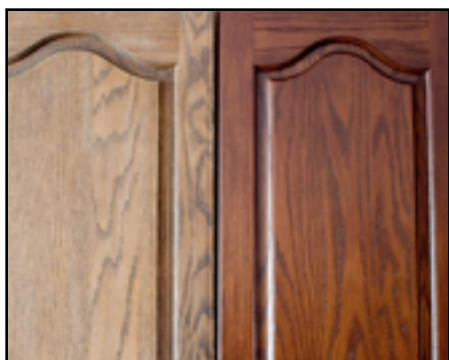


Designer Tile Splash

Even if your budget is small, you can get big results from minor kitchen renovations. Consider remodeling rather than tearing out your entire kitchen. Assess the “target” areas you want to improve or make more efficient. Once you know what you want, you’re ready to transform your kitchen into an edible oasis.

Compromise With Quality

There are many ways to compromise with quality when it comes to kitchen design updates. While you may not be able to afford marble or granite countertops, there are durable laminates that look like the real thing. You might long for ceramic floors but vinyl can be equally attractive and functional. Energy efficient appliances save you money on utility bills for years to come. Stock cabinets with custom pieces added can save you a bundle.



Refinished Cabinet Door

Hire A Professional or Do-It-Yourself?

When you do-it-yourself, you risk making mistakes that ultimately cost more money down the road. You also need to take time away from your work, business and family to spend endless hours remodeling your kitchen. Hiring a professional often saves time, money and a multitude of errors. Glazer Construction will advise you of the best ways to remodel your kitchen within the parameters of your current budget. Instead of guessing and getting the wrong answers, get the straight skinny from a professional. You know your kitchen design project will be completed in a timely, efficient manner.

How Do You Hire A Professional?

The first step is to choose a few contractors to begin interviewing. Be sure to solicit recommendations from friends and family, as well as reviewing the websites of local contractors. Look for examples of work they have done.

Next set up appointments to meet with each contractor on your list to discuss your kitchen design dreams and budget. After a personal meeting, you should receive a proposal with accurate pricing.



Luxury Kitchen Design

Once you narrow down your list review any contracts to ensure that the plans meet your expectations

You should then plan to meet with your contractor weekly to discuss the progress of your kitchen design project. Change orders should be prepared along the way so you never receive a surprise bill at the end. Your agreement should include a clause stating that when the work is completed that the job site is cleaned up.

Having a beautiful new kitchen is easier than you think!

Luxury Kitchen Design

Are you tired of entertaining in an old-fashioned kitchen? Luxury kitchen design will update this important space to make you feel proud. Welcome everyone to enter your new, high-tech kitchen after a modern redesign. In days gone by, kitchens were designed to be functional rather than beautiful. Make your simple cooking space look glamorous with an updated kitchen design. Transform your environment into an attractive, comfortable place to gather and relax.

First, decide a decorating concept or concepts you like best. Flip through home design magazines to get ideas. Then consider the layout of your kitchen. Discuss the possibilities with a professional licensed contractor such as Glazer Construction. Then consider the style you prefer such as country or modern. Let the kitchen design professionals from Glazer Construction assist you every step of the way.

Attractive sinks and plumbing, rich cabinets and high tech appliances all add a luxurious feel to your new kitchen design. Add lavish touches such as granite double sinks, copper fixtures, functional kitchen islands, quartz countertops, hand made cabinetry and eye-catching back splashes.

The latest appliances make your kitchen completely luxurious. Stainless steel are a popular choice for modern kitchens. For a warmer kitchen design, consider appliances that blend with dark wood, stone and



Luxury Kitchen Design



Retro Kitchen Design

counters. Energy efficient appliances also help you save money off the cost of monthly utility bills. Adding high end appliances brings beauty and function to your new kitchen design.

The right sink and fixtures pull the look together. High end sinks can be made from stone, stainless steel, glass, copper or wood. There are a wide range of stone sinks to choose from. Granite is an alluring luxury sink option. Vessel sinks are placed on top of countertops as opposed to recessed sink basins that sit below the countertops. The position of vessel sinks makes a bold kitchen design statement.

Your contractor should assist you with every aspect of your kitchen design project. From exploring the layout of your kitchen to developing a design around your ideas to selecting energy efficient appliances, a professional contractor makes sure every aspect of the job is done right.

Which Kitchen is Right for You

Whether you decide to have a new home built or renovate an existing home, an updated kitchen design adds comfort and value. The kitchen is often the center of the house and where most of the meals are prepared. Which kitchen design is right for you and the atmosphere in your home?

Retro Kitchen Design

A retro kitchen design includes colors, appliances and schemes from yesterday. The appeal of old-fashioned diners or grandma's pantry is yours with a retro kitchen design. Consider black and white floors and two-tone floors with chrome handles for a blast from the past.

Modern Kitchen Design

If you long for all the latest conveniences, a modern kitchen design is perfect for your fast-paced lifestyle. Have updated technology at your fingertips, sparkling counter tops and clean lines with a modern kitchen design.



Modern Kitchen Design



Enviro Friendly Kitchen

Green Kitchen Design

Everyone is watching their environmental footprint to make a minimal impact on the world around us. Energy efficient appliances use less electricity and water. A green kitchen design not only adds value to your home but saves you money on utility costs over time.

Small Kitchen Design

Making the most of the least space is the main idea in smaller kitchen designs. A small room looks much bigger when space is properly used. Space saver appliances and efficient cabinetry make small kitchen feel like big spaces.

Luxury Kitchen Design

A luxury kitchen design offers every possible amenity from dual ovens to television to stainless steel appliances. Define luxurious in your own way and bring the ideas to life with exciting kitchen designs you won't see anywhere else.

Gourmet Kitchen Design

If you love cooking and entertaining, a gourmet kitchen design brings your hobby to the next level. Feel like the proprietor of a fine dining establishment when you prepare cuisine in your own gourmet style kitchen with high efficiency appliances.

The Kitchen Design Of Your Dreams

If you don't fit into any particular "type", you can create the kitchen design of your own dreams. Combine various types of kitchen designs to suit your lifestyle and preferences.

Kitchen Cabinet Options

If you're remodeling your kitchen what to do with your current cabinets will be high on your priority list. If you decide to keep them will you keep the same look and design or reface your cabinets. Keeping your current cabinets can save you money on your remodel.

The first step if you are thinking about keeping the cabinets is to determine if they are structurally sound. If



Small Kitchen Design



Stylish Kitchen Cabinets

not, then you will want to seriously consider replacing them. If they are, then here are some options.

Refacing

In refacing, a thin coat of wood is wrapped around your existing cabinets. You can choose from a wide variety of veneers including wood grains or pretty much any color you would like. Laminates are another option to use to reface your cabinets.

Then add new drawers, hardware, and doors are added. This is also a great time to update worn out drawer tracks and hinges.

Refinishing

You can also choose to refinish your cabinets, a less expensive option than refacing. You can re-stain your cabinets or paint them. Painting and distressing the cabinets is a technique we've seen used effectively.

New Cabinets

Before purchasing your new cabinets you need to determine the style of kitchen you are looking to create. The existing style of your home will play a huge role in the style you choose. If your home is traditional it might seem out of place to have a modern kitchen design and vice-versa.

Once you've narrowed the style of cabinets you'll need to choose based on the manufacturing style. Options include:

Stock: Stock cabinets come in defined sizes usually in 3 inch increments. Customization options will depend upon those offered by the manufacturer you choose.

Semi-Stock: Semi-custom cabinets are similar to stock but offer more options

Custom: Custom cabinets have no limitations other than your budget. You can choose your size, color or finish, and materials used to build.



Custom Kitchen Cabinets



Stone Kitchen Floor

Pay attention to the quality of construction of drawers as these tend to receive heavy use. Make sure the materials used on your drawers and the areas that support them are solid construction.

Finally adding some functional options to your cabinet can extend their use. Some popular options include a recycling center, slide-outs, pot and pan organizer, rollout tray divider, and more. These options drive up your costs so choose wisely.

Flooring Options

Flooring plays several roles in a household. It's functional, and it serves as a design feature. Some floors are fit for kitchens and bathrooms – such as tile and stone – while others – such as hardwood and carpet – are more appropriate elsewhere.

Hardwood Floors

Wood works well as a flooring options as it is warm underfoot, is easy on the legs, and dampens sound making it a quiet flooring option. the downside in a kitchen is that wood is susceptible to scratching and water damage.

Laminates

Laminates offer similar benefits to hardwood floor, but is more durable and requires limited maintenance. While not as warm as wood it is a less expensive option that can help you stretch your budget.

Stone Floors

Stone floors offer a sturdy flooring while providing numerous color and design options. It can be hard on the legs and doesn't suppress sound like wood. In the right kitchen though it can add a design aesthetic that is beautiful.

Tile Floors

Like stone, tile can be hard on the legs and be loud compared to wood. Design options are unlimited in



Enviro Friendly Cork Floor



Granite Countertop

terms of color, texture and design. Tile holds up well to wear, scratches are not an issue, and water spills are not an issue.

Vinyl

Vinyl is an ideal choice for budget conscious homeowners. Its easy to install and comes in an endless number of design and color choice including replicating the look of hardwood floors. Vinyl planks are available that are similar to wood laminate flooring. Vinyl holds up well to water and wear, but overtime edges can curl requiring them to be re glued or replaced.



Wooden Countertop

Green Options

Bamboo and cork are two options that are enviro friendly flooring choices. Bamboo, made from bamboo grass is a renewable resource, while cork is a harvested resource from the bark of cork oak trees.

Kitchen Countertop Choices

One of the most dominant features in the kitchen is the countertop. You want your counters to not only be aesthetically pleasing, but also highly functional.

Here are some of your many material choices, plus some pros and cons of each. There are many options, so if you want to guarantee that you select the right one for your kitchen needs, consult a knowledgeable contractor.

Natural Materials

Using natural elements for countertops was once a popular trend, but today, it seems to be a design preference that's here to stay.

Natural stone is a very common countertop material. Granite, slate, marble and soapstone are all options. Some are more expensive than others – granite becoming one of the more cost-controlled – but homeowners can't get enough of the natural, organic appeal they add to their kitchens. The main downside to natural stone



Concrete Countertop

countertops is their porosity. Easily able to absorb liquid, natural stone has to be well sealed, and they often require special cleaning.

Wood has long been a popular choice for butcher blocks and kitchen islands. They make wonderful counters, too. A variety of wood countertops are available in several stains, but as with natural stone, they require a bit of effort in order to maintain their beauty.

Did you know you could have countertops made from lava stone? Lava that has transformed into a stone-like solid is covered with enamel, and the overall look is similar to that of tile.

Manmade materials.

There is something to be said for the affordability and diversity of manmade countertops.

Take laminate, for example. It's been featured in kitchens for decades and is still one of the more popular selections. In fact, laminate countertops are still being improved upon and are now available in an impressive array of colors and textures. They are also one of the more affordable options. Unfortunately, laminate is not heat tolerant and it easily chips.

Manufactured stone countertops are growing in popularity. They mimic the appearance of natural stone but eliminate the natural elements' less desirable qualities. These hybrids are less porous and require little maintenance.

Stainless steel countertops are common in industrial kitchens, as well as kitchens with more modern, sleek design. If you are not a fan of the shiny, silver appearance, there are several other metal countertop options. Copper and pewter are just two.

One of the newer kitchen countertop trends is concrete. It's extraordinarily sturdy, and because of its slightly rough appearance, dings and dents are no big deal. Plus,



Kitchen Task Lighting



Kitchen Track Lighting

you can choose from an assortment of textures and colors. Acid washed concrete can take on all the colors of the rainbow.

Kitchen Lighting tips

Good lighting is essential in the kitchen where you prepare family meals and entertain guests. Many families also use the kitchen for dining, homework, paying bills and gatherings. Without proper lighting, it's impossible to effectively handle these tasks in your kitchen.

Kitchen Lighting Tips:

- Lighting under cabinets brings light to work areas and energy efficient options help you save significantly on your utility bills
- Track lighting and recessed down lights add overall lighting to your kitchen space to illuminate dining areas and other important places
- Lights over your cabinets add a touch of ambiance and class to your kitchen remodeling project
- Pendant lights hang perfectly over dining tables, center islands and breakfast nooks to shed a little light everywhere.
- Consider using dimmer switches so you have complete control over your kitchen lighting.
- Have plenty of light for cooking and cleaning.
- Lower the dimmer switch to create an intimate setting for romantic meals.
- Discuss energy efficient lighting options to go green and save the most money off utility bills.
- Check out fancy fixtures and switches for an added bit of luxurious appeal in your kitchen.



Kitchen Ambient Lighting

Once you decide the lighting you prefer, your contractor can help you with all the other aspects of your kitchen remodeling project.

Back Splashes

Like flooring your back splash serves a functional and a design purpose. Your options range from simple low cost such as a white subway tile to more elaborate custom mosaic tile designs.

Tile

Tile has been the standard material used for back splashes and is one of the more economical materials to use. Tile is produced in ceramic, porcelain, engineered stone, stone and metals, and provide a wide option in terms of color, texture and size.



Subway Tile Back Splash

Mosaics are a great way introduce color and variety into your backsplash design. Using combinations of smaller tile pieces to mix colors, create images or murals, or patterns are popular choices.

Panels

Panels made out of metal, laminate, wood are another options. Pre-made panels are available in several colors and designs.



Back Splash Metal Panel

Appliances

In any kitchen renovation the cost for replacing appliances will be a large part of your budget. Buying appliances can be challenging, having to balance quality, design, functionality, energy savings, along with your budget.

With all appliances functionality - how you use your appliances - should be the primary consideration.

Refrigerators

One of your primary considerations in choosing a refrigerator should be capacity. After all this is where you will store a large amount of the food you purchase to feed you or your family. For large families capacity and food



White Cabinet Set Refrigerator

preservation are important so look for options such as dual refrigeration, on door controls, external ice and water functionality, and of course energy savings features.

For singles or small families, it may make more sense to focus on the aesthetics rather than functionality. After all, if you don't spend a lot of time in the kitchen you really don't require the same functionality as a large family.

Ovens and Stoves

The options you consider and choose should be based upon how you typically cook. If you are an experienced cook and spend a lot of time cooking you'll likely be willing to spend some extra money for convenience features, or maybe even a double oven.

Novice or occasional cooks may be ok going with a single basic oven and putting the dollars saved into other parts of the kitchen.

If you have a stovetop you'll have the option of selecting between induction, gas or electric. For experienced cooks gas, with its fast heat up time and ability to cook under precise condition, is likely the best choice. For casual cooks, electric with its slow heat up times, may save you from a burned meal or two.

Finally consider your needs based on your current kitchen design. Running gas lines could will add additional costs to your project.

Ventilation Systems

If you're completely redesigning your kitchen then you will have to decide whether you want an overhead ventilation system or a down draft system. If you doing a small remodeling project you might be best served keeping the same type of ventilation system already in service in your kitchen.

When working with your contractor, discuss with them which is the best option for your kitchen design.



Double Stainless Steel Oven

Dishwasher

Similarly to your refrigerator, your family's lifestyle will largely dictate what type of dishwasher will be ideal for your home. Lower end models tend to have simplified controls, while more elaborate ones will have energy efficiency qualities, hidden controls, and noise reduction qualities – especially helpful in small homes or open floor plans. Dishwasher drawers are also available for smaller amounts of dish ware and can save water usage when you don't have large loads to clean.

Conclusion

Kitchen remodels and renovations are year after year one of the most popular home improvements (bathroom remodeling projects are equally high on the list of project to complete). Your kitchen is more than a place to prepare your meals, serving as a place to entertain guests and gather with your family. A new kitchen remodel and renovation will provide years of pleasure and an increase in the value of your home.

Benefits of a Kitchen Remodel

- **Increase the Value of Your Home**

The money you invest in an Atlanta kitchen remodel will typically return a dollar for dollar return on your investment. If you plan to sell your home an Atlanta kitchen renovation project can increase the price you receive and decrease the time it takes to sell your home. The number one item on the minds of home buyers is an updated kitchen. Conversely an outdated kitchen is one of the top reasons a home takes longer to sell.

- **A More Efficient Space**

Let's face it over the last 50 years homes have increased in size and kitchens have evolved from simply being a place to prepare meals. New cabinets provide better storage options, plus design changes in the room can increase available space. We work with our clients to design a flow to their new Atlanta kitchen renovation that fits how they

prepare and cook food.

- **Update Appliances During Atlanta Kitchen Renovation**

Part of the fun of remodeling your kitchen is updating your appliances in terms of color and functionality. Appliances today are more efficient in terms of energy requirements so not only will you get more options, you'll also be able to be more environmentally friendly with new Energy Star rated appliances.

At Glazer we specialize in Atlanta Kitchen Remodeling upgrades helping you from pre-panning, to design, and implementation to create the kitchen you've always dreamed of having.

View our Kitchen Remodel before and after photos starting on the next page to see some kitchens we've brought back to life.



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After



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