

# Planning & Design Guide

Ready to achieve your dream Kitchen? We're here to help.

Our step-by-step guide is designed to spark inspiration, give you a planning boost and give you a glimpse of the exciting journey ahead. The handy checklists will help you prepare for your design consultation so you can share your vision with confidence and get started making your dream kitchen a reality.

## 01 GATHER YOUR INSPIRATION (THE FUN PART)

What you need to do:

Research and collect images that capture your vision. They don't have to be exactly what you want for your kitchen, but a photo makes a great reference when communicating with your designer.

Your inspiration checklist:

- Browse Kitchen Studio's online gallery for inspiration
- Create a Pinterest board or save Instagram posts you love
- Collect images of whole kitchens as well as details like colors, finishes, lighting and fixtures

**Pro Tip:** Focus on kitchens that showcase entertaining and family gathering, these will help your designer understand your hosting goals.

## 02 CREATE YOUR KITCHEN WISHLIST

Consider your needs *and* desires for:

- Storage Solutions: What does adequate space mean for you?
- Bench Space: For cooking, food preparation and family activities
- Appliance Upgrades: Right-sized oven, dishwasher capacity, etc.
- Flow & Layout: For easy movement between kitchen, dining, and living areas
- Lighting: Task lighting for food prep plus ambient lighting for atmosphere
- Special Features: Have you been dreaming of wine storage, a coffee station, scullery, walk-in pantry or something else?

## 03 DEFINE YOUR BUDGET

Before you can start the process of transforming your kitchen, you need to have an idea of how much you want to spend. Setting a realistic budget upfront allows your designer to create the best possible solution within your range.

A beautifully designed, quality kitchen is an investment that immediately adds value to your home – as much as 8-10% according to experts.

Budget considerations checklist:

- 5-15% of your home's value is a solid starting point when creating a kitchen budget
- Be sure to factor in appliances, lighting, and electrical work
- Consider the value a quality kitchen adds to your property and your lifestyle
- Remember: Higher quality materials provide better value over time

Approximate Budget Range: \$ ..... to \$ .....

## PREPARING FOR YOUR DESIGN CONSULTATION

What to bring to your first meeting:

- Your completed wishlist from this guide
- Your inspiration images
- Approximate measurements of your current kitchen space
- Photos of your existing kitchen and adjoining areas
- Budget range
- Timeline goals

Questions your designer will ask:

- Who regularly uses your kitchen?
- What are your biggest challenges with your current space?
- How do you like to entertain?
- What appliances are essential for your cooking style?
- How many people do you typically host?
- Are you renovating for personal enjoyment, to add value to your home, or both?

## OUR 5 STEP PROCESS

### 01 IT ALL STARTS WITH YOU

Showroom consult and visit to create the brief

### 02 DESIGN RESPONSE

Creating your bespoke plan

### 03 SHOWROOM PRESENTATION

Refining the details

### 04 PREPARING TO BUILD

Final checks and custom build implemented

### 05 INSTALLATION – COORDINATING PERFECTION

We seamlessly install your new dream kitchen