

Six Guidelines for Home Remodeling Projects

The kitchen continues to be the most frequently used room in the house and a natural gathering place for family and friends. Current design trends make it the most comfortable room in the house.

Experts say that basic design principles are really quite simple. The following six concepts are excellent guidelines for kitchens. Remember that the guidelines described here apply to all of your household projects!.

Keep It Light: Today, families often spend more time in the kitchen than any other room in their home. Include as much natural lighting and fresh air as you can in your design. A bright room will add a lot of appeal. A small change can make a big difference: consider upgrading your window coverings or light fixtures.

Keep It Open: Design styles are seeing a resurgence of open floor plans. Kitchen islands keep the kitchen open to adjoining rooms and add extra seating area. Look at your kitchen to see if you could add an island for a quick up-grade.

Organize It: Feel like your kitchen is in constant disarray? Think about how you use your kitchen. Many space saving and organizing features are now available in cabinetry and should be incorporated in your design plans. Not doing a full makeover? Consider a

mini-update by selecting from the hundreds of retrofit options on the market today.

Express Yourself: The recent trend in design is expression of your personal style. If you cannot find a home with your dream kitchen ...then remodel your current home and express your personality in every design element. The range of materials and finishes goes from bright and bold to soft and natural, the pallet is nearly endless! A new glass or travertine tile backsplash will do wonders for the look of your kitchen.

Do Your Homework: All of your selections must be coordinated to insure that every item fits properly with the others, as well as in your space. Purchasing new appliances, cabinets, countertops and flooring can be a daunting experience. When you consider the investment of time, effort and money, your selection is very important. Your experience will be more pleasant if you consult with local experts.

Plan for Guests: Everyone wants to be in the kitchen! You'll want the room where you and your guests will be spending time to be enjoyable. There are so many options – expert help is available with a visit your local design specialist.

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