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What you need to know before you start...

If you are thinking about renovating your kitchen, there are a number of important aspects to consider and decisions to make before you proceed.

This booklet is designed to assist you with:
- a step-by-step approach to what you need to consider before you start
- how to work through the all-important planning and design process
- a design gallery of award-winning kitchens with some great tips from the experts
- your options for getting the job done and information on how to get your project underway
- the steps involved, what to expect and the time it takes to get your new kitchen completed
- how to find a professional to take away the worry, ensure a quality job and achieve your ‘dream’ kitchen.

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First things first...

Consider why you want to renovate your kitchen. Your answer/s will help determine the outcomes you want to achieve and the budget required.

- perhaps your existing kitchen is not practical or does not provide the functionality you require? or
- you just want an updated style, new appliances or a fresh new look? or
- perhaps there is potential for you to increase the value of your home, investing for the future?

Take some time to consider your motivations, consider the current and future needs of your family, then think about what already works well in your existing kitchen, what doesn’t, and what is missing. The answers to these questions will be very useful during the planning and design process and ultimately help you get the desired result while avoiding some common pitfalls and mistakes.

Establishing a realistic budget for what you want to achieve is an important consideration early in the planning stage. Often a renovation will cost more than most people expect and compromises may need to be made along the way. However, an experienced professional will help you plan carefully to achieve the desired result within your budget.

Think about ‘the design’ – and think about what you want...

There are many important elements that go into creating well-functioning kitchen spaces which are aesthetically pleasing and merge into the home seamlessly. In today’s homes, the kitchen is the hub of activity, where the family gathers, prepares meals, eats and entertains. Your lifestyle and how you intend to use the kitchen are the major factors to be considered when deciding on the new design, layout and appliance selection.

Often homeowners and renovators are pleasantly surprised by the design ideas, expert tips and added functionality that can be achieved in their new kitchen when working with an experienced kitchen designer or cabinetmaker.

A well-designed and constructed kitchen will add significant value to any home, so it is important to spend time doing your research before you ‘jump in’. While you may not have all the answers regarding how you want your new kitchen to look or function, some basic ideas can be noted and images of what appeals to you can be collected from magazines or the internet ready for discussion with a professional kitchen designer or cabinetmaker. It is also worthwhile to visit a number of kitchen showrooms and appliance suppliers in your area to get some ideas. The choices you make should be influenced by your current needs and wants while also considering what might be required in the future.

Check out the design ideas gallery, tips from the experts, handy checklists and how to find the right professional to do your job!
design gallery

1. The grain of the marble sits perfectly with the texture of the wood grain panels.

2. A double island is the perfect way to utilise the room and create extra preparation and serving space.

3. Sliding glass doors, finished to match the glass splashback, hide a multitude of operational elements behind – a great place to neatly store often-used items.

4. An all-in-one cooktop is lowered to suit the cooking height of the owners.

   Image courtesy Signature Custom Homes.

5. The full-length glass sliding doors fully retract to allow an easy segue between the indoor and outdoor kitchens.

6. In cantilevering one end of the island bench, visual bulk is reduced and a ‘floating’ effect is created.

7. Similar materials are used both indoors and out to create a continuity of design through both spaces.

8. A streamlined effect is created by the choice of handle-less cupboards which continue the sleek, linear effect of the design.

   Image courtesy Jag Kitchens.
design gallery

1. The L-shaped island is a great way to add visual interest as well as functionality.

2. Seating on three sides of the island makes it a fabulous addition to a space dedicated to entertaining.

3. Chocolate and white is a classic combination and, when paired with stainless steel, makes an immediate aesthetic impression.

4. Clever use of the extended window splashback brings the garden indoors and creates the illusion of ‘floating’ overhead cupboards.

   *Image courtesy Art of Kitchens.*

5. Following European trends, a bank of appliances at the rear of the kitchen groups similar elements for greater efficiency when preparing meals or entertaining.

6. Check this out! A lowered overhead unit creates task lighting where needed and also acts as a handy shelf for display items.

7. Open shelves at one end of the island bench are the perfect hiding spot for cookbooks.

8. Finger push/pull handles recess to make it easy to open and close the units but create a flush finish when not in use.

   *Image courtesy Interiors by Darren James.*
design gallery

1. Don’t be afraid to use colour in the kitchen. Rather than being limiting, colour can add excitement, mood and visual interest.

2. The edge of this very straight-lined kitchen is softened by the inclusion of a ‘swirly’ end unit which makes a handy casual meals area.

3. Concealed lighting under the overhead cabinets illuminates the white splashback and highlights the brilliance of the colour used.

4. How about all this storage? Lift-up units make the most of the space all the way to the ceiling.

   *Image courtesy Mal Corboy Design.*

5. The island bench is an interesting mix of shape, texture, finishes and levels making it a multi-functional addition to the kitchen.

6. Super-modern appliances fit perfectly with the chunky handles and glossy cabinetry.

7. Of particular interest is the dropped-down stainless-steel benchtop area which includes three individual cooktop units as well as an integrated sink.

8. An extra double-sink, complete with hot/cold tap, is a must for regular entertainers.

   *Image courtesy Mulvay Builders, designed by Leon House.*
1. Stone is the central feature – used here on the benchtop, splashback and island to great visual effect.

2. The variety of heights and finishes to the island bench make it a multi-functional addition to the kitchen.

3. Simple, slim-line handles add to the feeling of simplicity and mirror the use of stainless-steel appliances.

4. The round pendant is a great example of feature lighting used to add a designer splash and adds a welcoming ambience to the comfort of a lowered eating area.

  *Image courtesy Novus Homes.*

5. The use of a perpendicular bench adds a designer element as well as a visual counter to the parallel units behind.

6. A great way to make a visual feature of a large item, the wall of frosted-glass cabinets borders the fridge perfectly.

7. Again, note the inclusion of two separate sink areas, making it easy for two people to use the kitchen at any one time.

8. The vein of the stone is a beautiful counterpart to the white cabinets.

  *Image courtesy Sonja McAuliffe, Archertec Interiors.*
design gallery

1. A traditional kitchen doesn’t mean doing away with functionality — this kitchen cleverly hugs two walls with a matching L-shaped island bench.

2. Natural timber pieces make up the feature elements of the kitchen which match the exposed timber seen throughout the home.

3. The space is given a modern touch with the inclusion of basic white cabinets matched with natural wood grain.

4. Cleverly, the design incorporates a few carefully-chosen open shelving units.

   Image courtesy Individual Design & Construction.

5. Timber veneer and stainless steel combine the best of a warm welcome with an industrial feel for a professional finish.

6. The kitchen is designed for entertaining – check out the wine fridge and glass display cabinets!

7. An extended, lowered dining area is perfect for casual meals, homework, plating up and a wealth of activity.

8. The bank of appliances is balanced at either side by the two refrigerators, making the most of visual symmetry.

   Image courtesy Western Cabinets.
1 Technology is becoming more prevalent in the kitchen so why not allocate space in the design to house those elements?

2 The choice of lowered stools means they can easily slide away under the island when not in use.

3 What’s through here? A walk-in pantry helps to organise foodstuffs and keeps items easy to locate when preparing meals.

4 An integrated fridge/freezer is a great idea to keep the flow of cabinetry uninterrupted.

   Image courtesy Tallwood Constructions.

5 The extra-long island bench ensures plenty of room around which family and friends can gather.

6 A linear bank of lift-up cupboards provides excellent additional storage space.

7 The fridge is positioned off to one side to allow for easy access without encroaching on any cooking activity.

8 Two strips of colour – along the splashback and front of the island – give this white-on-white kitchen an injection of designer style.

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How to find a professional to help you achieve your dream kitchen ... go to:

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The kitchen is a multi-faceted area of the home and to achieve a professional renovation it requires a realistic timeframe and the engagement of specialists in their field and skilled tradespeople who are licensed and qualified to carry out the work. Mistakes and defective workmanship and materials can cause major problems in the future and can be very costly to rectify.

The complex nature of a kitchen renovation means various qualified tradespeople are required to complete the project and numerous materials, products and appliances are involved in the finished result. Therefore, it is important to realise that a quality job will not occur in just a few days, as there is plenty of essential behind-the-scenes work that must happen well before the original kitchen is demolished and the physical part of the renovation commences. There are a number of options for engaging a renovation specialist to help you complete your kitchen project and these are covered later in this booklet.

Remember that using a professional such as an HIA member, will not only give you expert guidance on the best design, but will also ensure you are getting expert advice on the right products and materials suited to your new kitchen. For example, tapware will need to comply with the Water Efficiency Labelling Scheme (WELS) and cabinetry materials should be manufactured and sealed for moisture resistance, as well as adhere to the accepted Australian Standard for formaldehyde emissions.
1. Planning is vital. Consider your functional needs and aesthetic style. Integrate the best kitchen innovations for a living space that works beautifully.
2. Consider soft closures for the pleasure of silence and smooth action in all drawers and doors.
3. Think through your kitchen storage needs and make the most of corner units, internal drawers, pull-out pantries, wire baskets, and a wide range of drawer accessories.
4. Use task lighting in your kitchen for the areas that need good, clear light for kitchen tasks.
5. Add mood lighting to enhance the overall design of your kitchen, highlight design features, and create great ambience.
6. Remember kitchen waste, considering bins with multiple units for recycling and position your waste unit within easy reach.
7. Choose stylish handles to complete your kitchen design. Also consider electronic push-to-open for drawers — ideal for areas in the kitchen where you will have your hands full.
8. Add design elements such as Innotech DesignSide custom drawer side panels for a designer touch.
9. Make the most of precious space with clever storage accessories such as drop-down spice and ingredient racks, and pull-out wire baskets.
10. Use the best quality hardware products that you can afford. Hettich hinges and drawer systems have lifetime warranties for long-term peace of mind.
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**Why use an HIA MEMBER?**

**HIA members:**
- agree to adhere to the HIA National Code of Ethics commit to competence, fairness, value, honesty and integrity
- can provide professional service and advice on all your building projects
- advise on the latest trends, materials, finishes, technology on the market.

Before you engage a renovation specialist, builder, tradesperson etc. you should ask the following questions:
- do they use contracts which offer you legal protection under your state’s home building laws?
- do they have the correct license, or are they registered to carry out the work they are undertaking?
- do they adhere to a Code of Ethics and practice WorkSafe standards?
- do they carry the correct insurances to safeguard your building work?

All of these important points are to protect you and ensure you get the professional result and the dream kitchen you deserve.

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Start with identifying the problems with your existing kitchen. Here are some common issues many homeowners experience:

- the kitchen is too small and cramped
- the eating area is inadequate and unwelcoming
- there is not enough bench space where most needed
- existing cupboards are too small or hard to access
- the kitchen is cut off from the rest of the house
- when preparing a meal the area doesn’t flow smoothly from one work space to the next
- items are not always handy or stored in reach of where they are needed
- entertaining a large crowd is difficult to manage in the current space
- the adjacent formal dining room is rarely used and/or it’s not to your style
- the area seems dark and closed in, particularly in the wintertime
- a person in your household requires the inclusion of Universal Design features to assist their movement within, and their use of, the kitchen
- the kitchen and adjoining areas do not suit your current lifestyle and the way you want to use the space.

Think about some ‘must have’ features you may need, for example:

- more electrical outlets at working height, located more conveniently in work zone areas
- upgrade the single sink to a double unit, add a built-in dishwasher or dish drawers
- include a kitchen island with well-designed task lighting
- access to more natural light in the area
- a casual meals area which can also be used when entertaining
- a larger pantry more conveniently located to the food preparation zone
- more ‘landing space’ next to your cooktop or refrigerator
- enough space to allow several people to access the kitchen at the same time
- relocate the cooktop to an island bench or other features to create an ‘entertainer’s kitchen’
- more storage space with better planned internal organisational systems and soft close drawers
- incorporation of a low-maintenance, easy-clean floor
- whether you prefer an under-bench oven or a wall oven
- an updated look or new style, perhaps just to create a more welcoming space.
What’s on your ‘wish list’ – where the budget allows:

- new technology or appliances such as a steam oven, induction cooktop, fridge drawers or a bench top teppan yaki grill
- provide access to or merge the kitchen with an outdoor entertaining area e.g. stacker doors or a servery
- a butler’s pantry or scullery if space allows
- feature lighting or glass units for highlighting special items ‘on display’.

Consider how you want to use the renovated space, for example:

- you want to be able to cook a complete dinner without having to stop and clean up because there’s currently not enough work space
- you want to have family meals in an adjoining eating area or within the kitchen space
- you want visitors in the family room to be able to carry on a conversation with those working in the kitchen when entertaining
- you want a bar area for mixing drinks incorporated into the design
- you want the kitchen to be the brightest room in the house
- you plan to get into gourmet cooking, providing new and exotic meals for the family and entertaining friends
- you want to allow for a small office workspace or an area for children to do homework
- you want to create a dedicated space for easy access to laptops, iPads® or charging mobile phones etc.

Consider the location of the renovated space:

- will the kitchen be in the same location, therefore not requiring any structural changes to the existing space? or,
- if there is an option to alter the space to get a better layout, this may require structural changes such as the removal or alteration of supporting walls, increasing or moving window openings, doorways etc. This work may also require new additional electrical wiring or the need to move existing plumbing and drainage.

Note: any renovation work involving structural alterations or re-locating of services will require a building permit to be obtained for the works from a qualified professional.
Preference for materials and finishes:
- Bench tops
- Doors and drawers
- Splashback
- Features
- Handles
- Internal hardware

Appliances and fixtures – note any preferences:
- Sink
- Taps
- Water filter
- Dishwasher
- Bins/Recycling
- Waste disposal
- Unit for hot/cold water/instant hot water unit
- Refrigerator/filtered water/ icemaker facility
- Freezer (separate)
- Cooktop
- Rangehood
- Oven
- Microwave
- Steamer
- Coffee machine
- Wine fridge
- Other built-in appliances

A general checklist:
- Ask yourself why you want a new kitchen and develop a list of goals you seek to achieve — this is an essential part of the design process.
- Give consideration to your budget which needs to be realistic based on your goals as above.
- Think about the design and the features you would like included, note your ideas and collect some images.
- Think about whether you are interested in including some environmental features such as energy-efficient appliances and lighting, solar hot water and hot water reticulation as these will require consideration early in the design phase.
- You will need to get advice on whether your plans require a building permit and this will need to be applied for early in the design phase to avoid delays.
- HIA recommends you choose a kitchen designer, cabinetmaker or renovation specialist who is licensed to project manage and co-ordinate all trades to ensure the renovation is delivered on time and on budget.
- Kitchen renovations may take as little as four or more than 12 weeks to complete (given ideal circumstances) so you will need to consider how you will cater for family meals while the kitchen renovation occurs.
- If you are intending to stay in the house during the renovation you will need to consider how to minimise dust from entering the liveable areas of the house. Get advice from a professional to help you with this.
- Some appliances or special fixtures may have a long delivery time, so plan early for these to avoid unnecessary delays down the track.
- Always use qualified and licensed tradespeople to ensure you are getting a quality finish and that only products which are fit for use in the kitchen are used and also comply with building regulations.
Summary:

Once you have assembled your notes, done your research, collected ideas and images and visited some local showrooms, it is time to decide on how you will get the project done from start to finish. There are a number of options you can take which are summarised in this booklet.

You will also need to sit down with your lender and discuss the amount you can reasonably afford to borrow and the most suitable financing options. Remember your budget should cover anything that may arise in relation to your renovation project, not just the kitchen itself. For example, adjoining areas may need to be repainted or new floor coverings laid to integrate the areas with the new kitchen.

It is recommended that you find a reputable kitchen designer, cabinetmaker or renovation specialist who is experienced and able to advise you on all the important aspects such as the desired layout of your new kitchen, as well as space planning considerations such as work zones, traffic flows, clearances, ergonomics and the affect the new space may have in relation to other parts of your home.

Assuming you have an initial budget in mind, your kitchen designer or cabinetmaker can also give you some practical advice on how realistic your budget is in relation to your renovation goals and what you want to achieve. They will be able to offer some cost-effective alternatives to stay within your budget and help you realise your dream kitchen!

A professional, experienced in kitchen renovation projects, will have expert knowledge of all that is involved and be able to advise you on your specific circumstances. They will usually prepare an initial draft sketch or drawings then, once you have approved the design concept, a budget can be agreed upon and final plans can then be prepared detailing the measurements, specifications, trades, services etc. required to complete the project.

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The steps involved – the time it takes...

The following is a basic outline of the steps involved and approximate timelines normally seen when replacing a kitchen—these are provided as a general guide only. Remember that each project must be considered on its individual needs and complexities.

The time taken to undertake a renovation project will vary greatly. There are no set timeframes to complete any project and completion is dependent upon a number of issues such as:

- the extent and complexity of the renovation including whether:
  - the project requires structural alterations,
  - local council approval is required to undertake the works, and/or
  - there is asbestos present in the existing building
- the selection and availability of the required materials and appliances
- the inclusion of stone or hard surface benchtops
- the inclusion of glass splashbacks
- the amount of work the cabinetmaker or designer currently has on their books
- the availability of qualified trades to carry out the work when required.

Step 1:
The starting point:

- Identify some goals you want to achieve and how you want your completed kitchen to look. Consider collecting ideas from display showrooms and start a scrapbook of images from magazines.
- Your budget will influence whether you can afford all the features you want in your new dream kitchen, so be realistic and consult with a professional who has the knowledge to help you work through this maze.
- Have an initial planning consultation with a designer to communicate your needs and receive design suggestions and expert advice—they will ask lots of questions to get a good feel for what you want to achieve.
- You will need to start researching your choice of appliances such as oven and cooktop, fridge/freezer, rangehood, dishwasher, built-in coffee machine and microwave. The measurements of these will be required during the planning and design stage.
Step 2: Appoint your kitchen designer or cabinetmaker who will be able to:

- Advise you of the processes involved from start to finish
- Arrange a preliminary measure of the existing area and determine whether there is to be a change to the existing layout
- Suggest a layout which takes into consideration the traffic flow requirements for the space. This will usually include:
  - a suggested floor plan which will work best in the space available
  - the ideal location of appliances within the work zones

- Develop an initial design for discussion with you, which may include sketches showing:
  - layout of work zones
  - cabinets, drawers, pantry and other storage options
  - location of benchtops and landing spaces
  - inclusion of appliances such as oven and cooktop, fridge/freezer, rangehood, dishwasher, coffee machine and microwave into the appropriate work zones
  - recommended materials, fixtures and fittings to achieve a quality result
  - seating and dining options if this is to be incorporated within the space
  - a lighting plan and electrical plan
Note: you should try to do your research on the range of appliances and fittings available early on; however, your designer or cabinetmaker can also help with the most appropriate selections if you are unsure and they may also be able to source these items if they have access to the appropriate suppliers. Selecting appliances early in the planning process is advised as the specifications will be required by the designer to incorporate into the design layout.

Once the design is completed, it is time to finalise the financial and contractual arrangements for the joinery and trades. Your designer/cabinetmaker or project manager can arrange this for you depending on which management option you have decided upon.

**Time to complete:** 2-3 weeks approximately

**Step 3:**
Your designer/cabinetmaker/project manager will organise the demolition work to commence. This will usually involve:
- disconnection of existing services
- removal of the existing kitchen, wall and floor coverings and sheeting as necessary.

**Important Note:** extra precautions are vital where asbestos is present, therefore a professional who is qualified and licensed to remove and dispose of asbestos safely will be required. They can both identify the presence of asbestos and then safely remove and dispose of it.
- a final measurement check (also called check-measure).

**Time to complete:** 3-4 days approximately
Step 4:
Your kitchen will be manufactured, ready for installation. This process will actually begin during Step 3 but there may be a delay between when the old kitchen is removed and the new kitchen is ready for installation.

**Time to complete:** usually within a 4-8 week time frame

**Note:** The time for this step will vary and largely depend on the access and availability of the materials and surfaces chosen, and the existing workload of the cabinetmaker.

Step 5:
Your designer, cabinetmaker or project manager will organise construction work to commence. Normally they will be responsible for installation and supervision of various trades as required for:
- cabinets
- appliances
- stone or hard surface benchtops (this may take an additional 10-14 days after cabinet installation as they require a specialist to cut and install)
- splashbacks (glass splashbacks may also take an additional 14-21 days after bench top installation)
- plastering
- tiling
- plumbing
- electrical
- painting
- flooring

Final check of the finished project, any adjustments to be made and the final clean up.

**Time to complete:** 2-5 weeks approximately

**Note:** Any variations or changes to the initial design, and choices of fittings will add additional time to the project. Availability of some products may also delay completion dates.
OPTIONS - how to get your new kitchen done

As the homeowner, you have a number of options for managing your new kitchen project:

Option 1: Design Only
Here you engage an independent kitchen designer who specialises in the initial design process (in consultation with you), providing plans and drawings for the quotation process. It is then your job to arrange for the manufacture and installation (option 2).

Option 2: Manufacture and Install
Once you have plans drawn, you can then separately engage the services of a cabinetmaker/kitchen manufacturer to quote, build and install the kitchen from the design you have had prepared. Cabinetmakers/kitchen manufacturers can also project manage the installation and supervision of other trades involved to complete the work provided they are appropriately licensed. Builders who specialise in renovations can also manage projects and supervise tradespeople for you.

Option 3: Self-Project Management
Once you have the design/plans finalised and have contracted a cabinetmaker/kitchen manufacturer to make and install your kitchen, you may choose to project manage the job yourself. If this is the case, you must ensure you are fully aware of your legal obligations, including but not limited to, owner/builder requirements, local council rules, approval processes and inspections for building work, and the use of licensed and qualified trades to complete the work.

Note: Some cabinetmakers/kitchen manufacturers will also have their own designers on staff so they can handle the project from start to finish for you (i.e. design through to manufacture and installation).

Other options to consider are you can source your own accessories such as appliances or taps, or you can opt to request the cabinetmaker to supply the specified items already selected on your behalf.
Who’s who in home renovations:

- HIA Kitchen and Bathroom members are professional designers, cabinetmakers and renovation builders who specialise in kitchen and bathroom renovations. They have a wealth of experience and expertise to help you design and build your dream kitchen or bathroom.

- HIA builders can help with a wide range of renovations to your home. HIA builders work with you to turn ideas into reality and they can co-ordinate all aspects of your renovation project – permits, materials, trade contractors, supervision and inspections.

- HIA designers can be used if your cabinetmaker or builder does not provide design services. You can engage an independent designer to assist you in the all-important design process to prepare plans, working drawings and specifications. Choose someone who is familiar with the special demands of renovation projects.

- HIA trade contractors such as plumbers, electricians, roofers or tilers offer highly specialised services. Trade contractors work closely with professional builders and kitchen and bathroom specialists, who include them as part of their team as required in each project. Homeowners can also hire them directly when, for instance, you may only want to replace your hot water system.

- Kitchen and bathroom retailers. Due to the tremendous popularity of kitchen and bathroom renovations, many manufacturers have set up shopfronts or showrooms where homeowners can enjoy a first-hand look at product offerings such as cabinets, benchtops, hardware and fixtures. Designers, cabinetmakers, renovation builders and trade contractors often work closely with these retailers to provide an integrated customer service.

- HIA GreenSmart professionals. When renovating, it’s a good idea to consider the energy and water use of your home and opportunities to make savings for the environment and your bills. HIA GreenSmart professionals can advise you about options to include in your renovation ranging from the right tapware, materials and appliances, through to the way your home can use energy much more efficiently.

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