

Tips to Manage Your Kitchen Remodel More Efficiently

- 1) For projects including structural or mechanical modifications, like moving a doorway, adding a room or moving a furnace, hire an architect or building contractor.
- 2) A clear understanding of what each supplier or contractor will provide, and when, is essential.
- 3) Will your contractor or installer provide tear-out and disposal? Is it included in his price?
- 4) Remember that the sink will be removed before the countertop can be torn out.
- 5) The new sink cannot be plumbed and your water turned on again until the countertop has been replaced. The new countertop cannot be installed until the cabinets are set.
- 6) Flooring goes in after the cabinetry is in place, but before appliances are installed.
- 7) Ceramic tile and some other flooring choices require more than one day to install.
- 8) Will the plumber, the cabinet installer or the appliance installer connect the dishwasher to the plumbing line?
- 9) You may need to schedule the local gas company to install a gas range or cook top or to change a gas connection. Is this responsibility yours, or will your plumber or remodeler do this?
- 10) Who will install ductwork for vented exhaust system?
- 11) Ceiling patching may be required if you are removing or replacing existing soffits. Who will complete this task?
- 12) If you provided measurements for your cabinet order, who is responsible if there is an error? If your kitchen designer or architect took the measurements at the job site, he or she is responsible. If not, you are.
- 14) Be prepared for unplanned events. Don't let unforeseen extra costs and time delays leave you frustrated! Remodeling the heart of your home is a complex process and there will be unexpected delays and possibly costs, no matter how well you plan. This is one of the best reasons to work with qualified experts who will know how to handle them efficiently.