

## *Kitchen Remodeling Checklist*

*When it comes right down to it, your kitchen is the most popular room in your home. Your existing kitchen has served you well over the years, but the time has finally come to transform it from an old “functional” kitchen to a new “Dream” kitchen. Once the decision has been made to remodel, the real work begins and there are a number of factors you should address very early on.*

*There are numerous decisions to be made when remodeling your kitchen. These decisions will not only determine the cost of the project, but will have a direct impact on the success of the final product. It is crucial that you spend sufficient time addressing these issues prior to commencing the work. As with any home renovation, the key is in the planning.*

### *General*

- *What is your budget?*
- *Are you keeping the same configuration of the kitchen as the existing layout?*
- *What do you like most about your current kitchen?*
- *What do you dislike most about your current kitchen?*
- *Does the kitchen area flow into surrounding rooms the way you would like?*
- *Do you want your kitchen area to be opened to a family room, den or other areas?*
- *What is the overall style preference for your new kitchen?*
  - *Contemporary, formal, traditional, country or other*
- *Do you plan to use wood cabinetry in your new kitchen?*
  - *If yes, do you prefer light or dark wood, painted or faux finished*

### *Use*

- *What types of activities do you envision taking place within the kitchen?*
  - *Sit-down dining, homework for the kids, paying bills, other*
- *Where does your family currently dine and where will they dine after the remodel?*
- *If you want to eat family meals in your kitchen, how many people would you typically need to accommodate at mealtime?*
- *Do you entertain? How often?*
- *What is your entertainment style?*
  - *Formal or casual*
- *Are your gatherings typically small or large?*
  - *Are they more mix-and mingle or formal sit-down affairs*
- *If you are not using a din-in kitchen table, what type of everyday seating would you use?*
  - *Barstools, chairs, booths, bench seating or none*
- *What entertainment features might you want to incorporate into your kitchen remodel?*
  - *Separate beverage area, wine storage, television, intercom, radio*

### *Cooking & Preparation Areas*

- *Is mealtime a family affair?*
- *How many people are normally involved in food preparation?*
- *Would additional or separate work areas be helpful?*
- *Plan for the location of like items. For instance, the sink, dishwasher and recycling areas that*

*might be adjacent; or you may want spices and cooking utensils near your stove or oven area?*

- *Is there enough counter space for appliances you use every day?*
- *Would you prefer these appliances to be built-in or stored away?*

### Storage

- *How do you usually shop:*
  - *By meal, for the week, in bulk, canned goods*
- *Do you have enough accessible storage for bulk and everyday food items?*
- *How about storage room for your Tupperware, entertaining or serving items?*
- *Cabinets:*
  - *Type of wood*
  - *Painted or stained*
- *Do you want to showcase any kitchenware or serving items in a glass or cabinets?*
- *Do you require any additional storage for items currently house elsewhere in your home?*
- *What about linens, fine china or other pieces that you may now keep in a hall closet, china hutch, attic or garage*
- *Do you need areas which are safeguarded from children?*
- *Do you require a recycling center?*

### Lighting

- *Do you need additional task lighting in specific work areas?*
- *More lighting overall?*
- *Is the kitchen open to a shared family space? Perhaps ambient or low-level cabinet lighting (above or below) would be beneficial*
- *Would you like recessed lighting in your kitchen?*
- *Would you like skylights (solar tubes) installed*

### Other Considerations

- *Wall coverings:*
  - *Paint, wallpaper, tile or a combination*
- *Sinks:*
  - *Mounted or Under mounted?*
- *Appliances:*
  - *Stainless steel, black, white, etc.*
- *What type of countertops do you envision?*
  - *Granite, Tile, Marble Tile, Silestone Tile, Laminate, other?*
- *Flooring:*
  - *Hardwood, Tile, Travertine, Linoleum, Tumbled Stone, other?*
- *Hardware:*
  - *Handles & Knobs*
  - *Sink faucet*
  - *Towel bars*
  - *Outlet covers*

- *Do you have enough electrical outlets or circuits in the right places to support food preparation on a large scale, such as holidays, birthdays, parties, or any other type of entertaining?*
- *If there is a window, is it ideally situated for a view of the backyard, garden or other preferred areas? Does it allow enough light inside?*
- *If there is a back door, is it ideally situated for access to the backyard, patio or entertaining areas?*