
Cabinetry Project Planning Guide



BUDGET WORKSHEET

Determining—and sticking to—a realistic budget requires careful planning. This worksheet can help set some expectations.

Some hidden factors that may affect your budget include:

- Do you need to move any walls or are you happy with the existing space?
- Do any windows or doors need to be added, expanded or replaced?
- Are the sink and stove locations appropriate, or will plumbing and gas lines need to be relocated?
- Is the existing electrical wiring up to code or will it need to be modified?
- Will your countertop require extra framing to carry the weight?

Ask your designer where it makes sense to splurge, and where you can go with a lower-cost option.

For instance, if you plan on using a dark finish, opt for a less-expensive wood species and splurge on accessories like roll-out storage or that great tile backsplash.

The National Kitchen & Bath Association (NKBA) suggests you budget 10-25% of your home's value for remodeling a kitchen. For bathrooms, that amount is 5-10%. They recommend the following percentages be spent on each of these main items, as a percentage of the total budget:

Product	NKBA Recommended Percentage	Estimated Amount
Cabinets	35%	\$
Countertops	11%	\$
Appliances	12%	\$
Lighting/Electrical	9%	\$
Wall Covering/Paint	3%	\$
Floor Covering	7%	\$
Plumbing	3%	\$
Labor	20%	\$
Estimated total		\$

It's a good idea to set aside an additional sum for the surprises that seem to crop up on any large project. Outdated infrastructure, hidden rot or pest damage, illness to you or a contractor, even a stretch of bad weather can all throw a project off schedule and over budget.

REMODEL TIPS

Here are a few things to keep in mind when planning your project, and during the demolition/ installation phase...

- » Gather inspiration from home design magazines and websites such as Houzz and Pinterest to get a really good idea of what you want. Share your ideabooks or boards with your designer so s/he can start to identify your likes and dislikes.
- » Let your designer know about any special needs you or a family member may have. There are a number of simple modifications that can be made to create a space that works for everyone.
- » Have all parties agree to the design and budget before demolition begins.
- » Plan an alternate area for food preparation, clean-up and storage during remodeling.
- » Discuss trash removal and access to your home with your contractor before work begins.
- » Make arrangements for offsite pet care if possible. The noise, confusion and dust can be hard for pets to cope with.
- » Be flexible. Unforeseen circumstances will probably affect you, your contractor or subcontractors during your project.
- » Allow plenty of time in the schedule for product delivery and installation.
- » Make yourself available to be onsite when needed. Staying current with your project will make any revisions easier and less expensive to implement.
- » Keep lines of communications open. Decisions often need to happen quickly if a subcontractor is involved.



On the following pages, our Wish List is a handy place to record all of the things that are absolutely necessary in your new space, and those touches you'd love to incorporate.



PROJECT “WISH LIST”

Beyond style, there are many practical considerations when building or remodeling a home. The answers you provide in this planner will give your designer a better idea of the direction your project will take. The first page is general information about the entire project, following pages capture details about the residents of the home and how various rooms should fit everyone’s needs.

Project Overview

What room(s) are you planning?

- Kitchen
 - Master Bath
 - Office/Craft Room
 - Guest Bath
 - Family/Media Room
 - Closet
 - Laundry/Utility
 - Other
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What “feeling” would you like your new room(s) to have?

- Strictly functional
 - Formal
 - Informal
 - Traditional
 - Sleek/Contemporary
 - Rustic
 - Family retreat
 - Personal design statement
 - Other
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Is the size of the existing space adequate? Yes No If not, are you willing to move:

- Walls
- Windows/doors
- Sink/plumbing
- Electrical
- Gas

What is your proposed budget for this project?

- Under \$10,000
 - \$10,000 - \$15,000
 - \$15,000 - \$20,000
 - \$20,000 - \$25,000
 - \$25,000 - \$30,000
 - \$30,000 - \$35,000
 - \$35,000 - \$40,000
 - Over \$40,000
 - Notes
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What do we need to know about your existing home (if this is a remodel)?

For example: age of home; past remodels (if known), HOA restrictions on construction access, etc.

Kitchen

Are there items you need to include additional/specialized storage for in your kitchen?

- Baking sheets Spices Cutlery/flatware Cookbooks Laptop/printer
- Oversized pots/pans Towels (hanging) Recycling/trash School supplies
- Serving items Bulk items Stand mixer Pet food/supplies
- Small appliances (list): _____
- Other _____

List any other storage, functional or display areas you would like to have incorporated:

- Pantry cabinets Bar/wine storage Baking center Pull-out storage
- More counter space Floating shelves Plate display racks Mantel-style hood
- Other _____

Share some details on how you use your kitchen:

- Everyday Gourmet Baking Canning Catering
- Other _____

The primary cook is: R Handed L Handed Height _____ Notes _____

Secondary cook is: R Handed L Handed Height _____ Notes _____

How many in your family? _____ How many people eat at the same time? _____

Where does your family eat most meals? Kitchen Dining Room Other _____

Will you need a sit-down eating area in the kitchen? Yes No _____

Do you entertain frequently? Yes No

If yes, how often? _____ How many guests do you typically have? _____

What other type of activities typically occur in your kitchen?

Office/Homework Hobbies/Crafts Other _____

Are there special needs to consider? Yes No If yes, please describe:

Master Suite

Are there items you need to include additional/specialized storage for in these rooms?

Bathroom/Vanity

Bulk paper items

Cleaning supplies

Cosmetics/Hair care

Soiled laundry

Towels

Waste basket

Closet/Dressing Area

Accessories

Boots

Formal wear

Linens

Luggage

Seasonal items

Appliances

Clothes washer/dryer

Ironing board/iron

Clothing steamer

Coffee maker

Microwave

Mini fridge

Other

What are the "must have" features you would like to have incorporated:

Tub/shower combo

Freestanding tub

Large, open shower

Jets, steam, etc.

Double vanity

Separate vanities

Heated floors

Audio/visual

Other

The primary user is: R Handed L Handed Height _____ Notes _____

Secondary user is: R Handed L Handed Height _____ Notes _____

Are there special needs to consider? Yes No If yes, please describe:

List any wood/material, door style and finish selections you may have made from the our website:

Primary door style: _____ Secondary door style: _____

Primary wood/material: _____ Secondary wood/material: _____

Finish and enhancements:

Notes:

Family/Media Room

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Board games | <input type="checkbox"/> Computer/printer | <i>Appliances</i> | Other |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Books/magazines | <input type="checkbox"/> Game console/games | <input type="checkbox"/> Flat Screen | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Throw blankets/pillows | <input type="checkbox"/> DVDs | <input type="checkbox"/> Mini fridge | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Collectibles | <input type="checkbox"/> Toys | <input type="checkbox"/> Microwave | _____ |

Notes:

Office/Craft Room

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Office supplies | <input type="checkbox"/> Craft supplies | <i>Appliances</i> | Other |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Computer/printer | <input type="checkbox"/> Sewing machine | <input type="checkbox"/> Flat Screen | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Video/camera setup | <input type="checkbox"/> Fabric/sewing supplies | <input type="checkbox"/> Mini fridge | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Collectibles | <input type="checkbox"/> Gift wrapping items | <input type="checkbox"/> Microwave | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Books/magazines | <input type="checkbox"/> Art supplies | <input type="checkbox"/> Coffee maker | _____ |

Notes:

Laundry/Mudroom

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Washer/dryer | <input type="checkbox"/> Cleaning supplies | <input type="checkbox"/> Household tools | Other |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Laundry supplies | <input type="checkbox"/> Broom/dustpan | <input type="checkbox"/> Seasonal items | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Soiled laundry | <input type="checkbox"/> Vacuum cleaner | <input type="checkbox"/> Gardening items | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ironing board/iron | <input type="checkbox"/> Waste basket | <input type="checkbox"/> Coats/hats/gloves | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clothes steamer | <input type="checkbox"/> Recycling center | <input type="checkbox"/> Shoes/boots | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hanging space | <input type="checkbox"/> Bulk items | <input type="checkbox"/> Sports equipment | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Folding area | <input type="checkbox"/> Pet food/supplies | <input type="checkbox"/> School supplies | _____ |

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