

Kitchen Project Timeline

Every project is different and time estimates may vary. Part of the reason some things take less or more time is because people make decisions at a faster pace than others, or have more time to devote to the planning, meetings, and follow-up that are involved. Working with a SHOWCASE kitchen & bath designer, a contractor, and others in the industry, can help ensure that things move along as smoothly as possible. The following is a general overview of our process.

1. Preliminary Planning

- Determine the style and features you want for your new kitchen. Magazines and online resources can be helpful. We find that Instagram, Houzz, and Pinterest are great for inspiration for your kitchen, whether it be for cabinet style, countertops, flooring, backsplash, cabinet hardware or storage solutions.
- Decide what appliances you would like to include.
- Think about problem areas in your space that need to be addressed. Now is your chance to fix these issues!
- Establish your budget and the scope of the project. Will the layout change? Will walls come down? When you talk with a contractor, you'll learn more about how changes may affect the cost.

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2. Refining & Design

A. Schedule an appointment kitchen designer to fine-tune your vision and begin to design your space.

- Many of the topics in the Preliminary Planning stage will overlap this section as you work together to finalize the design.

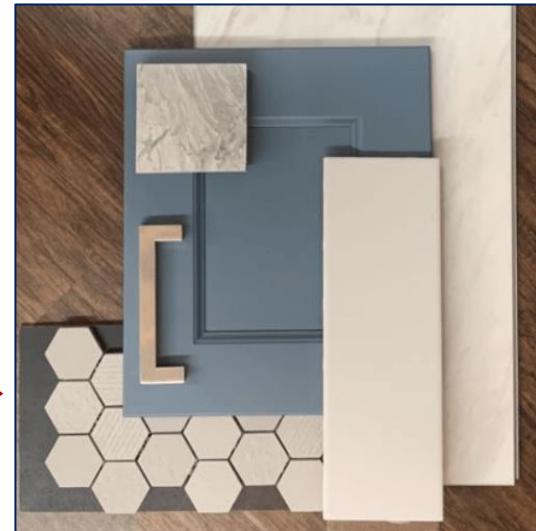
- Refining your plans may take several appointments, emails and phone conversations. This process will vary in complexity & time frame depending on your project.

B. Find a contractor. Get recommendations and meet with several candidates. Once you've agreed on the scope and the pricing you'll need to get on their calendar.

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3. Material Selection & Ordering

- The FUN part begins: Cabinet, countertop, hardware & lighting selections are made! Final design edits are made.
- Select & provide your SHOWCASE designer with your appliance specs.
- Now that you have a design for your space, materials selected and a contractor, you should coordinate the contractor's schedule with the lead time on the materials and place the orders to keep things progressing on schedule.
- Allow enough time for your cabinets, appliances, plumbing and other items to be made and delivered to your location. Things usually arrive as expected, but occasionally there may be delays possibly due to weather, backorders, or damage. Your Showcase designer will help navigate any issues to get the situation resolved as quickly as possible.
- A 50% deposit will be collected on all material orders & final purchase agreement signed.



4. Work Begins

- Depending on how extensive your project is, this stage may vary greatly.
- Your contractor will be your best contact for timelines in this phase of the project as they will be completing the work.
- If remodeling, plan ahead as to where you will set up a temporary kitchen with a fridge, microwave, hot plate, coffee maker, etc. Making arrangements with the contractor for a temporary sink can make life much easier.
- Consider your children, pets and any special needs family members and take actions before the work begins to lessen any stress over the next few weeks/months. This will be a dusty, loud project with contractors coming and going at varied hours of the day.



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5. Cabinet Installation

- Your contractor should have the experience, attention to detail, and abilities to do a wonderful job installing your new cabinets and trim moldings.
- The size and complexity of the project will determine how long it takes.
- Know that it is not uncommon for an installer to do much of the work in the first couple of days, then return after the countertops are installed to take care of the remaining items. If there are things that need to be re-ordered or touched up, this may take a little longer.
- The appliances, plumbing fixtures and cabinet hardware should be onsite when the cabinets are installed, so there are no delays with the cabinets or countertop.



6. Countertops

- **Stone Countertops:** Once cabinets are fully set in place, a template is requested. Template & Installation are completed by the stone fabricator, not your contractor.

- **Template Lead Time** is approximately 10-14 working days AFTER your cabinets are fully set.
- **Installation Lead Time** is approximately 6-8 weeks AFTER your countertops have been templated.
- Wait to connect your sink and garbage disposal at least 12 hours after installation.

- **Laminate Countertops:** Once cabinets are fully set in place, your contractor will take final measurements and provide your SHOWCASE designer with this information. SHOWCASE does not install laminate countertops.

- Laminate countertops are generally ready 1-2 weeks AFTER final measurements are submitted.





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7. Finishing Touches & Completion

- After the countertops are installed, your backsplash can be finished, and any outstanding items can be taken care of.
- The remainder of your SHOWCASE material balance will be invoiced and collected.
- The remainder of your Contractor material & labor balance will be due & collected.

ENJOY!

