

Contributing Editor KITCHEN DESIGN





RECIPE FOR **PLANNING** A KITCHEN RENOVATION

Whenever you experience a wonderful theatrical or musical performance or you are delighted by a fabulous meal or you marvel at the architecture of a building, there is one certainty: It was not an accident.

Each of these experiences is the result of research, fine quality materials, years of experience, careful planning and great communication every step of the way. When planning a kitchen or bath renovation or new construction project, the framework for success is very similar to a fine recipe. Usually, there are no shortcuts or compromises that are worth the savings in the long run.

If you are considering a kitchen renovation or planning to build a new home, here are some of the ingredients that I believe will be helpful!

Bon Apetit!! ◆

Ingredients:

1 dozen images showing fabulous design elements and storage features for inspiration

1 excellent kitchen designer that is creative, kind and can give you experienced advice on sourcing labor and materials along with exciting presentations and accurate estimates

Add beautifully designed and well-built cabinets as needed

6 fabulous appliances that meet your wildest expectations in design and function

1 to 2 amazing sinks with extra quiet disposers

3 layers of lighting-overhead, task and accent

3cm-5cm thick countertops (edge treatment to taste)

65 perfect knobs or handles that will accent your amazing new cabinetry

Directions:

Prep time (depending on the size and complexity of the design, you'll need 1 to 6 months). Add a licensed general contractor.

Combine all ingredients.

Mix well.

Cooking time (can vary from 3 months to over 6 months) from beginning to end of kitchen

Serves most homeowners from 15 to 20 years or more!

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