

## KITCHEN DESIGN QUESTIONNAIRE & CHECKLIST

Kitchen updates rank among the most popular home improvements, and provide an excellent return on the investment for most homeowners. From custom cabinetry built to house your collection of gourmet cooking oils, to dual-fuel ranges nested below a hearth-style hood...From LED under-cabinet lighting to illuminate your creative zone, to the multi-tasking furniture-styled island that hides discreet dishwasher drawers...From eye-catching granite countertops to sleek wine storage...Even that special niche for sorting the daily mail and surfing the web...

Kitchen design or redesign can be very exciting. But the options, finishes, and configurations abound, and can be daunting! So before undertaking a kitchen renovation, take time to think through your desired changes by assessing your needs, your habits, and your lifestyle with respect to your kitchen space.

Teakwood Builders has created this **KITCHEN DESIGN QUESTIONNAIRE & CHECKLIST** to help you in your planning. We encourage you to complete this and share your responses with us, so that we can help to design and build a space that best meets your needs and wants. Additional tips for best kitchen planning:

- 🏠 **Include your family or other household members in the planning process**—Have them review this Questionnaire and give their input.
- 🏠 **Keep an informal log of how your household currently uses the kitchen on a daily basis**—Do you naturally open the mail, pay bills, or use the laptop at the kitchen table? Maybe you'd prefer to do so at a special task niche carved out of a new kitchen for this purpose!
- 🏠 **Talk to friends and family who have gone through a kitchen remodel, or have a kitchen you admire**—What design elements do their kitchens include, and why? Is there anything about their kitchens that they especially like or dislike, or wish that they had included?
- 🏠 **Clip and save pictures** from home magazines or kitchen cabinet manufacturer brochures of kitchen styles (cabinet finish types) and layouts (eat-in areas, islands) that you particularly like—Is there a pattern in what you have chosen, i.e., do you prefer cabinets that are painted or stained? Do you prefer cabinets with a simple door style or something more ornate and formal? For inspiration, we've included some photos of completed Teakwood kitchen projects!

Teakwood Builders looks forward to working with you to craft a kitchen that is a reflection of your personal style and flair, and that is suited to your cooking style, your tastes, and your daily living...

# GENERAL

What do you like most about your current kitchen space?

What do you dislike most about your current kitchen space?

Does the kitchen relate well to adjacent rooms? For instance, does the “traffic flow” to and from the kitchen work well? Does the décor of the adjacent rooms complement the kitchen? What would you change?

What style or “feel” would you like your new kitchen to have?

- |  |   |   |
|--|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Strictly functional | <input type="checkbox"/> Sleek/Contemporary | <input type="checkbox"/> Family retreat |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Formal              | <input type="checkbox"/> Traditional        | <input type="checkbox"/> Country/Rustic |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Informal            | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____        |   |

What type of finish would you prefer for new cabinets?

- |                                       |   |                                       |
|---------------------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Natural wood | <input type="checkbox"/> Light wood       | <input type="checkbox"/> Medium wood  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dark wood    | <input type="checkbox"/> Metal/glass      | <input type="checkbox"/> Aged/antique |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Metallic     | <input type="checkbox"/> Colored/laminate | <input type="checkbox"/> Painted      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____  |   |                                       |

What cabinetry options interest you? Check all that apply.

- |   |                                       |  |
|---|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Island               | <input type="checkbox"/> Plate rack   | <input type="checkbox"/> Pasta/dry good drawer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Peninsula            | <input type="checkbox"/> Wood hood    | <input type="checkbox"/> Breakfast bar         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Glass cabinet fronts | <input type="checkbox"/> Open shelves | <input type="checkbox"/> Wine rack             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Appliance garage     | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____  |  |

What special features interest you? Check all that apply.

- |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Crown molding            | <input type="checkbox"/> Appliance panels | <input type="checkbox"/> Applied moldings |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Furniture kicks          | <input type="checkbox"/> Beadboard backs  | <input type="checkbox"/> Wainscot panels  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fluted or turned columns | <input type="checkbox"/> Bun feet         |   |



How do you intend to use your kitchen? Check all that apply.

- |   |  |  |
|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sit-down dining      | <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment | <input type="checkbox"/> Laundry         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Homework             | <input type="checkbox"/> Paying bills  | <input type="checkbox"/> Computer center |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Phone/message center | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____   |  |

Where does your family currently dine?

- Kitchen  Dining room  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Where do you plan to dine after the remodel?

- Kitchen  Dining room  Other \_\_\_\_\_

If you plan to eat family meals in the kitchen, how many people would you typically need to accommodate? \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like your kitchen area to be open to a family room, den, or other area?

- Yes  No If "Yes", please describe:

How often do you entertain?

- Daily  Weekly  Monthly  Occasionally (e.g., only holidays/special occasions)  Rarely

What is your entertainment style?

- Formal  Casual  Sit-down affairs  "Mix and mingle"

How big are your typical gatherings?

- Small—Number of people: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Large—Number of people: \_\_\_\_\_

Do your guests typically help you in the kitchen?

- Yes  No

If you are not using a dine-in kitchen table, what type of everyday kitchen seating would you use?

- Bar stools  Chairs  Booth  Bench seating  None  Other \_\_\_\_\_

What entertainment features would you want to incorporate into your kitchen design?

- Separate beverage area  Wine storage  Glass storage  Wet bar

## **COOKING & PREPARATION**

Who is the primary cook in the family?

How tall?

Right-handed  Left-handed

Who is the secondary cook?

How tall?

Right-handed  Left-handed

What is the primary type of cooking or cooking style?

Everyday  Quick and simple  Family meals  Gourmet  Catering  Baking  Canning

Is mealtime a family affair, with everyone pitching in, or is the cooking primarily done solo?

Family helps—Number of people usually involved: \_\_\_\_

Chef flies solo

Would additional or separate work areas be helpful (i.e., secondary prep sink, baking center)?

Yes  No If “Yes”, please describe:

## **STORAGE**

How do you usually shop for meals?

For each meal  For the week  Non-perishables in bulk  Buy in bulk and freeze

Do you desire additional accessible storage for bulk and everyday food items?

Yes  No

Do you desire additional space for food storage (e.g., Tupperware) or serving pieces?

Yes  No

Do you desire any additional storage for items currently housed elsewhere in your home (e.g., linens or china that you may now store in hallway closet, attic, or basement)?

Yes  No If “Yes”, please describe:

Do you need storage areas safeguarded from children?

Yes  No

Do you desire a recycling center?

Yes  No

Do you prefer to have appliances be built in or stored away?

Built-in  Stored away

## LIGHTING

Do you need additional task lighting in specific work areas?

Yes  No If "Yes", please describe:

Do you desire more kitchen lighting overall?

Yes  No

Would ambient or low-level cabinet lighting (above or below cabinets) be beneficial?

Yes  No

Do you desire additional natural lighting from  windows and/or  skylights?

Is the kitchen open to a shared living space?

Yes  No If "Yes", please describe:

## OTHER DETAILS & CONSIDERATIONS

Do you need to accommodate physical limitations?

Yes  No If "Yes", please describe:

Are you planning on purchasing new kitchen appliances?

Yes  No If "Yes", please describe:

Do you have enough electrical outlets/circuits in the right places to support food preparation on a large scale (e.g., Thanksgiving dinner for 12)?

Yes  No  Unsure!

If there is a window, is it ideally situated for a view of the backyard, garden or other preferred area?

Yes  No If "No", please describe your ideal:

If there is a door to the outside from the kitchen, is it ideally situated for access to the backyard, patio, or other entertaining areas?

Yes  No If "No", please describe your ideal:

List any other special considerations, needs, wants, "wish list" items (e.g., space for extra large/professional grade appliances, separate vegetable sink, indoor grill):

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