

## Beginning the Process

Planning is an important and essential part of any major project. We have compiled this worksheet to help you formulate some ideas and priorities for your new kitchen. Considering all of these factors and communicating them to us will help us work effectively and successfully with you.

### 1. Research

Look through magazines and books or browse the internet to get an idea of the look you would like to achieve. Collate a portfolio of ideas for your new kitchen which will give CKD a good idea of the style you prefer and help move the project in the right direction.

### 2. Likes & Dislikes

Consider your current space ... make a note of the features that you like (and would want to keep) and those that you dislike (and can't wait to get rid of!)

### 3. Create a wish list

What are the items and design aspects that you really want to include in your new space? Consider looks/style & function. For example a larger refrigerator might be important for your growing family, or you might want to move your cooktop to the island. Alternatively you may just really want granite countertops or decorative moldings. Some of the items on your wish list may be quite small but it doesn't mean they are any less important!

### 4. Budget

You should think about the total amount you would like to spend. Consider the scale of your project, establish your priorities and begin to think about where best to spend the money. If you already know that you want stainless steel professional appliances for example, then this will take a significant portion of your total budget and impact how much you allow for cabinets etc. It is also important to consider the age & potential resale value of your home, as well as how long you intend to live there.

## **5. Lifestyle Needs**

Think about your current lifestyle as well as how your new space will need to adapt as your family situation changes, for example, as children grow.

## **6. Most Important Item**

What is the most important item in your ideal kitchen? Feel free to use your imagination! For some the most important item may be the breakfast bar, for others it may be a particular appliance. Those with a hectic lifestyle may choose a pizza cutter for example, to demonstrate that they are too busy to cook and quite often eat takeaway.

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**Likes & Dislikes**  
(consider your current space)

**Likes**

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**Dislikes**

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**Most Important Item**

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**PROJECT NAME**

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**Wish List**

(number in order of importance)

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**Budget**

**TOTAL:** \_\_\_\_\_

Cabinets: \_\_\_\_\_

Countertop: \_\_\_\_\_

Appliances: \_\_\_\_\_

Flooring: \_\_\_\_\_

Walls: \_\_\_\_\_

Structural: \_\_\_\_\_

Plumbing: \_\_\_\_\_

Lighting: \_\_\_\_\_

**Lifestyle Needs**