

KITCHEN

Renovation Guide



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So, you're embarking on a kitchen renovation! It's a super exciting journey, and we'd love to join you in transforming the most important part of your home into a place that not only looks stunning, but is where you love to come home to, and spend precious moments in.

Warning – you may never want to eat out again!

Hold on tight and enjoy every moment of this journey!

This guide will help you with the ins and outs of kitchen renovation - and enjoy the journey while making over the most important part of your home.

Help from the experts

Mastercraft Kitchens is a nationwide group of locally owned and operated kitchen manufacturers with in-house designers and installers. When you work with us, you're not only supporting local business, you are also working with the best in the business.



10 Year Craftsmanship Guarantee

Every kitchen we create is unique, and is backed by our 10 Year Craftsmanship Guarantee. We partner with top quality suppliers who stand behind their products, and provide their own guarantees.



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Before and After

WHO IS ON MY TEAM?

TEAM WORK MAKES THE DREAM WORK

DIY is a myth when it comes to kitchen renovation!

Before diving in, know who is on your team

You may not have your full team yet, but as they come on board, note their details on page 16 of this guide.

Kitchens are the most complex area of your home, when it comes to the number of tradespeople needed. Whether you engage with a Project Manager or plan to manage it yourself, building rapport and communicating regularly with everyone involved will help make your life easier, and your project a success.

Project Manager - yes or no?

Some things to consider, when deciding if you will manage your project alone or engage with a Project Manager:

- Do you have *time* to manage a major renovation project?
- Do you have *experience* in renovations and/or dealing with tradespeople?
- How good are your *communication skills*?
- Are you *accessible* by phone throughout the day to talk with tradespeople? Better still are you available on site at a moment's notice?

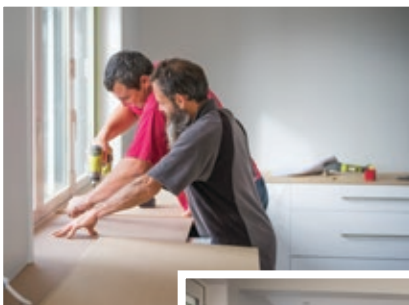
It's important to know that your kitchen manufacturer is not your Project Manager. Designers offer their experience on aspects of your kitchen beyond the design, and may communicate with some tradespeople involved, however almost all renovation projects are far broader than the scope of what your kitchen company provides.



My Kitchen Team

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Write a handy list of your kitchen renovation team and their contact details



During & After

STAGE 1

THE LAW, THE COUNCIL, THE PAPERWORK

Understand your responsibilities under the Building Act 2004 and with your Council



My notes...

Talking, thinking, dreaming, planning...

So you've talked about renovating your kitchen/home for months, or years even. You got hold of this guide, so perhaps you're ready to move from talking about it, to acting on it? Good-oh! Now what?

What's the scale of your renovation?

How much demolition, remodelling, renovation work will it take to prepare for your new kitchen (and other areas you are planning to renovate)?

Consent, or not?

You may not need to apply for a building consent if you are remodelling your kitchen within the same space and leaving structural walls and the kitchen sink in the same place. Does that sound like you? Even if it does, and for everything more than retaining the same kitchen footprint, we strongly recommend you contact your local council. Start by visiting their website for guidance before you start.

You may need to apply for a building consent if you are changing:

- Structural areas such as walls, exterior joinery, insulation, cladding
- Electrical services
- Plumbing, drainage, gas.

Tap into your team

Your Architect/Draughtsperson and Builder will help you navigate this stage.

Licensed Building Practitioners (LBP's)

You may require LBP's to carry out consentable work that involves draughting and tradespeople.

Before you go any further

Check with your council on:

- Whether your project requires building consent
- What documentation and plans you need to provide
- Estimated time-frame for the consent process
- Cost of applying for building consent.



www.building.govt.nz

Read 'Exempt Building Work Guidance' – this is a guide to building work which does not require a building consent under the Building Act 2004.

Council website

Go to your local council website for information on renovation projects - it's time well spent!

STAGE 2

THE BIG PICTURE

What's my style and budget?



My notes...

The decisions you make early on will affect every other stage of the design and build. So it's crucial that you have a very clear picture of what you'd like your new kitchen to look like, how it will function, and also how much you're investing.

Where to start with kitchen style, layout and features

You've probably been thinking about your new kitchen for a while, and will no doubt be bursting with ideas.

Visualise your kitchen

What format or apps are you using? Magazine cuttings, Pinterest Boards, Instagram Collections and Houzz Ideas Books are just some ways to capture your ideas. Think about the features of the kitchen you desire – layout, cabinetry, benchtops, splashbacks, appliances, colour scheme, style, automation etc.



www.mastercraft.co.nz/kitchens

We're full of ideas! Our website has [featured kitchens](#), [photo galleries](#), [walk-through videos](#), [design tips](#) and more

A picture speaks 1000 words

And never is this more-true than with kitchens. Check out our [Pinterest](#) and [Instagram](#)



Whittle it down

Now, stop. Yes, stop. Take your favourite ideas and start narrowing things down to your absolute favourites and must haves.

Seek expert advice

If you haven't done so already, make contact with your local Mastercraft Kitchens, and [book a consultation](#) or scan this QR Code.





Think functionality

Think about your family dynamic and how it will evolve over the next 10 years or so, and then make a list of the things you know you want in your new kitchen.

Involving your kitchen designer early on makes a huge difference. They will have ideas on zones, layout and style that you may not have considered. They will help you to work through what your kitchen will need, and make sure that it delivers great workability for years.

Functional elements could be large, structural features, like a kitchen island, a butler's pantry, or a separate breakfast/bar area. Or they could be smaller items, like having a dedicated wine fridge, a boiling-water tap, or a secondary sink.



My Kitchen Preferences

[Go to pages 17-18](#)

Note your kitchen preferences to share with your designer

Investment - where to begin?

So, you've got your list of preferences. Now is the time to ask yourself, 'What am I expecting to invest in my new kitchen?' Then, add a 10-15% contingency. That doesn't mean you are going to spend it, but it is common for renovation budgets to run over. Add budget for new appliances too if that's in your plan.

Meet your designer

Your first meeting will often be at one of our showrooms, and you will answer lots of questions about how you use your kitchen. Such as storage requirements, types of cooking, activities and entertaining, who works in the kitchen and more.

Initial kitchen design meeting checklist

- ✓ Share where you're heading with layout, style, colours, and materials (it's OK if you don't know yet!)
- ✓ Your final Pinterest/Instagram ideas or scrapbook of favourite styles.
- ✓ Photos of your existing kitchen, measurements and the changes you are planning on making to the space.
- ✓ Your Kitchen Preferences list, including budget range.

A word about your budget

Be up-front about your budget. Rest assured, it's not our job to spend all of your money. However, it's important for us to know your budget, so your designer sticks to it. They will prioritise areas of importance, and suggest product and material options within your budget.

STAGE 3

By now, your design is starting to come together and an estimate or quote will be provided. You will start to work out a time frame for its design, manufacture and installation, and more members of your team will start to kick into action.

FINALISING PLANS & GETTING APPROVAL

Arrange a site visit

Make a time for your kitchen designer to visit your home (most of our locations offer this service – check with your local Mastercraft). They will discuss optimising the work flow of your new kitchen and satisfying the practical needs of your family – ensuring the end result is perfectly tailored for you.

*Getting the details
right*



My notes...

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During this visit, they will measure up your space. If you are planning on making structural changes, take advantage of their expertise at this stage. They may make suggestions about the floor plan that will improve the space and flow. If you have existing plans of your house, give them to your designer as they are super helpful.

Talk about appliances - where and how they will fit into your new kitchen. Are you keeping some or all of your existing appliances, or buying new? Would you like us to supply your appliances?

Time frame and estimated installation date

Your designer will now have all the information they need to start on the working plans and final quote. There will no doubt be some back and forth between you and the designer, but that's all part of the process, as you conceptualise your new kitchen. This is an exciting stage.

Take your time and talk everything through with your designer.

Establishing a logical and workable time frame is extremely important. It's even more important to stick to it. If you are managing the project yourself, this will be your go-to document, your roadmap for the timely and successful delivery of your new kitchen. If you have engaged someone to project manage the whole process, you are still advised to keep a tight rein on the time line.





My notes...

Finalise your plans

Your designer will show you final plans and a render showcasing your selected materials and colours. Your visualisation is starting to take form!

Once you are satisfied with your design concept, your designer will provide you with a copy of your final plans and specification.

Approval of your design plans and deposit due

It's now time to sign off your kitchen design working plans, cost and time frame. Take the time to look over your plans carefully. On sign-off, a deposit is to be paid for your kitchen.

Building consent

If you need a building consent, send your final plans to council with the correct application form and then, wait. Once you have your building consent, you can pass your plans on to those in your team who need them - your builder, and most, if not all of your sub-trades.

Confirm your team

Depending on the materials you are using, you may work directly with companies outside of Mastercraft for various components of your kitchen. Usually this includes benchtop fabricators and splashback manufacturer, and may include others. They will also come to your home separately to your kitchen installation team.

Arrange insurance

Contact your Home Insurance provider and let them know you are about to undertake a renovation. During your renovation we recommend you consider taking out Contract Works insurance. Your bank may require this if you are financing your project.



Very early on we realised that this project would be beyond our capabilities. We visited various kitchen outlets and approached three kitchen specialists for quotes. We selected Mastercraft Kitchens who offered the best overall solution for us.

Kitchen Designer Katie should be singled out as being extremely patient, knowledgeable and helpful. She listened to what we had in mind, offered viable suggestions and answered all of our questions.

Mastercraft provided very detailed drawings and cost estimates and included all of our 'wish list' as well as suggestions given to other options. Above all they provided a very positive time-table for the whole project (i.e. complete 'strip-out' of old kitchen and complete installation of the new version.) We now have a very effective, functional and aesthetic looking kitchen which we are proud of.

There can be no doubt that we could not have achieved this without the help and expertise of Mastercraft Kitchens.

– N & N Ware, Wellington 

AVOID THESE MISTAKES



1. Assume a flat pack/DIY kitchen will be cheaper and easier than a custom-made kitchen.
2. Purchase appliances before finalising your kitchen design.
3. Spend a lot of time and effort on your kitchen layout and design before talking to a designer. *(A rough sketch is ample if you want to... then trust the experts).*
4. Select materials before agreeing your budget.
5. Stick with 'what I know' technology. *(Plan instead for up-to-date technology in your new kitchen - think automation, smart lighting, bluetooth, smart charging, smart appliances).*
6. Forget to book one or more of your reno team... Electrician, Plumber, Gas Fitter, Flooring Professional, Plasterer, Painter, Rangehood Installer. *(Plan your kitchen team on page 16).*
7. Be all last-minute and disorganised with your team of tradespeople.
8. Forget to arrange the removal/disposal of your old kitchen.
9. Assume your install happens in a day. *(Because it doesn't! Cabinetry, benchtops and splashbacks are almost always installed by different companies on different dates).*
10. Assume all floors are created equal. *(Because they aren't, when it comes to kitchen installation. Find out if your flooring needs to be completed prior to kitchen installation, or after. For example, kitchens cannot be installed on top of floating laminate floors).*



STAGE 4

PRODUCTS & MATERIALS

*Make final decisions
on big-ticket items
and get them on
order*



My notes...

Kitchens are made up of a bewildering number of products and materials. And they're not usually the things you can pop out on a Saturday morning and pick up – let alone cart home and store until they are needed.

The big ticket items

Appliances and benchtops are the obvious candidates, but there are many other components that will need to be ready and waiting when your tradies and installers need them. Any delays will cause a flow-on effect of delays in your time line.

If you have engaged a Mastercraft designer, they are experts in knowing what and when to buy – and importantly where's the best place to source it, and at the best price. Check what is included in your quote (that we order), and what you are arranging yourself.

What items are you sourcing yourself?

If you are purchasing items for your kitchen independently (commonly tapware, lighting, appliances), let your designer know. If your final choices have different specifications to those originally planned for, this may affect the design or timing of your installation. Also, if they need to be ordered in, check that the delivery date fits in with your all-important time line.

Consider the origin of materials

Some products and materials may be sourced from overseas, or may be custom made. Others, such as natural stone (granite, marble) benchtops, are totally unique and you may select it in-person at the stonemasons.

“ We recently completed a full kitchen renovation. After contacting a few kitchen design companies, we were recommended to contact Kitchen Designer Jes from Mastercraft Kitchens, by a friend.

From the beginning she was amazing to work with. In the first on-site meeting gave us many new ideas and things to consider in our layout design – nearly all of which we incorporated into our final design.

Our off-site meetings at the Mastercraft showrooms were always great. Our Designer was quick and professional and the design/material decisions are made easy by her talent for finding materials that work so well together.

The cost was also very reasonable compared to other quotes we had, and Jes was always trying to work with us to find the best solution that looks amazing, but within our budget. We'd highly recommend Mastercraft Kitchens.

– B Scott, Tauranga ”

DEMOLITION & CONSTRUCTION



INSTALLATION



My notes...

Depending on your splashback material, this too may need to be templated and installed at a later date, usually after the benchtop is installed.



STAGE 7

CELEBRATE!

*Your brand-new
kitchen is finished,
and it's ready for you
to move in*

This is the day you've been waiting for – it's finally finished. In one respect, it's the end of a journey, but really, your adventure has only just begun. You can now get to know, use and admire your new kitchen. Think about how you are going to use each space in your new kitchen; unpack and find new homes for all your pots and pans, utensils, crockery, recipe books and small appliances.

Stock up your new fridge and pantry. Cook your first meal – what's it going to be? Plan something special for friends and family. And don't forget to invite your Mastercraft designer over to check out the final result.

We invite you to share photos of your kitchen on Instagram and Facebook. Tag @mastercraftnz and #mastercraftkitchensforliving and be in the draw to win a monthly prize.



Before and After

HOW LONG FROM WHOA TO GO?

GET A HANDLE ON YOUR TIME FRAME

*Just wanna know
when you can
book your kitchen-
warming party or
plan your family
Christmas dinner?*

The time frame of your kitchen installation will vary depending on the size of the renovation and scope of work that needs to be carried out.

If it is JUST the kitchen being renovated – new for old – then you can estimate 1-3 days for each trade - see page 15 for more details.

If there isn't any additional building work to be done (but there usually is) the builder may only take a day or so to prepare the space for the electrician and plumber, who each come in two stages – pre and post cabinetry install.

Time line variables

The painter and plasterer are the biggest variable, as a lot of clients tend to get extras jobs done at the same time, such as refreshing the adjacent spaces or other rooms in the house.

Depending on the type of benchtop and splashback you have specified, the templating and installation for these two final stages can take up to three weeks.

All of these steps are dependent on the work involved for each trade. It's important to ask each trade for a time line at the outset.

Communication is key!

As multiple tradespeople are required, it is important to clarify times and dates with all trades early in the process, then confirm with each of them closer to the time.

If the schedule changes, for whatever reason, contact all trades to keep them in the loop. Moving times and dates at the last-minute causes headaches for everyone involved.

“What did I learn from my kitchen renovation?”

- *The whole process takes way longer than you think it will, and living without your usual kitchen is into the months not weeks - so get well set up*
- *It is difficult to project manage it yourself (and I know what I'm doing)*
- *Tradies are busy and are not always available at a moment's notice when you need them*
- *Renovations have hidden costs and issues - such as old framing that isn't plumb/ square, floors that are not true, old wiring and plumbing that may need upgrading/ replacing, asbestos (ACM) that may need to be removed by certified professionals.*

- D Wilson, Tauranga ”

HOW LONG IS A PIECE OF STRING?

*Let's get this party
started!*

Use this handy guide to plan how long to allow for each of the important steps and components of your kitchen renovation project.

One step doesn't always have to wait for another. There can be more than one tradesperson on site at a time, and lots of action can be happening whilst your kitchen is being manufactured.

Confirm with your designer the time frame for manufacture - this will give you an installation date to plan towards.

 Kitchen Design* Approx 6 weeks	 Building Consent Depends on Council	 Plumbing Disconnect Up to 1 day
 Electrical Disconnect Up to 1 day	 Demolition & Old Kitchen Removal 1-7 days	 Builder Adjustments Project dependent
 Final Site Measure** Less than 1 day	 Plumbing Pipe-out Up to 1 day	 Electrical Pre-wire 1-3 days
 Plasterer 3 days	 Painter 3 days	 Flooring*** 2 days
 Cabinetry Installation 1-3 days	 Splashback Tiling 1 Day, or Templating & Install Up to 2 weeks	 Benchtop Templating & Install 2-3 weeks
 Plumbing Fit-off Up to 1 day	 Electrical Fit-off Up to 1 day	 Celebrate As long as you like!

Notes

- *Kitchen Design: Time frame from initial consultation to final design is dependent on designer and client availability, and client decision making/changes.
- **Final Site Measure: Happens once all remedial/renovation building work is complete.
- ***Flooring: Check whether your flooring is to be laid before or after cabinetry installation.



My Kitchen Team

	Company	Contact name	Phone	Email
Project Mgr.				
Architect/ Draughtsperson				
Council Liaison				
Builder				
Electrician				
Plumber/Gas				
Kitchen Designer				
Plasterer				
Painter				
Flooring/Tiling				
Interior Designer				
Rangehood Inst.				
Insurance				



My notes...

“Mastercraft Kitchens were a dream team to work with when it came to designing and creating our new kitchen! They were so professional and easy to communicate with and helped us create a beautiful new kitchen that we absolutely love.

During all our recent renovations I have to say that Mastercraft were the easiest and most professional company we dealt with and they made the whole process so enjoyable and stress-free.

The guys who came to install the kitchen were just superb and the finishing work is top quality. Thank you all for your efforts and for our lovely kitchen!”

– D Archer, Whangarei ”



My Kitchen Preferences

OUR DETAILS			
Name(s)			
Site address			
Phone(s)		Email	
Joinery area(s)	☐ Main kitchen ☐ Scullery/Walk-in Pantry ☐ Laundry ☐ Wardrobes ☐ Bthrm Vanities ☐ Study/office ☐ Furniture ☐ Stairs ☐ Other (state):		
Invest. Range	☐ Under \$10,000 ☐ \$10,000-\$14,999 ☐ \$15,000-\$19,999 ☐ \$20,000-\$24,999 ☐ \$25,000-\$29,999 ☐ \$30,000-\$39,999 ☐ \$40,000-\$49,999 ☐ + \$50,000		
Est. Install Date			

PROJECT CONTACT DETAILS	
Project Mgr name & ph	
Builder name & ph	
Electrician name & ph	
Plumber name & ph	

DESIGN BASICS	
Design style	☐ Modern/Contemporary ☐ Minimalist ☐ Farmhouse/Rustic ☐ Industrial ☐ Bohemian/Eclectic ☐ Cottage/Villa ☐ Coastal/Bach ☐ Other:
Benchtop	☐ Engineered Stone ☐ Laminate ☐ Natural Stone/Granite ☐ Stainless Steel ☐ Timber ☐ Ceramic/Porcelain ☐ Unsure ☐ Other:
Sink	☐ Single bowl with drainer ☐ Single bowl, no drainer ☐ Bowl and a half with drainer ☐ Bowl and a half with no drainer ☐ Double bowl with drainer ☐ Double bowl no drainer ☐ Butlers sink ☐ Unsure ☐ Other:
Waste Bins	☐ Waste small ☐ Waste large ☐ Recycling small ☐ Recycling large ☐ Compost
How many people usually work in your kitchen at the same time? ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 or more	
Kitchen/joinery must-haves	

APPLIANCES	
Fridge	☐ Single door ☐ Double Door ☐ Wine/Bar Cooler
Oven(s)	☐ Built-in single oven ☐ Built-in oven and a half ☐ Built-in double oven ☐ Freestanding oven
Cooktop	☐ 60cm Induction or ceramic ☐ 90cm induction or ceramic ☐ 60cm gas ☐ 90cm gas ☐ Other:
Extractor/Rangehood	☐ 60cm Freestanding ☐ 90cm Freestanding ☐ 60cm Inbuilt ☐ 90cm Inbuilt
Other	☐ Waste Disposal ☐ Microwave ☐ Steam Oven ☐ Convection Microwave ☐ Coffee Maker
Dishwasher	☐ Dishwasher ☐ Single DishDrawer ☐ Double DishDrawer



My Kitchen Preferences

SMALL APPLIANCES

List the appliances you want on-bench and stored away

Small appliances on-bench	
Small appliances stored away/not visible	

OTHER KITCHEN COMPONENTS

If you know a style or model of these components, note them

Handles	☐ Standard ☐ Continuous ☐ Recessed ☐ Push-to-open ☐ Negative Detail ☐ Finger Pull Brand/style/colour:
Splashback	☐ Glass ☐ Tile ☐ Stone ☐ Granite ☐ Mirror ☐ None ☐ Other: Brand/style/colour:
Tap	Brand/style/colour:
Drawer/Cupboard mechanism	☐ Soft-close ☐ Push-to-Open ☐ Lifters (overhead)
Extras	☐ Internal cutlery drawer ☐ Pull out pantry ☐ Pull out oil drawer ☐ Pull out corner storage

CONSTRUCTION DETAILS

The more information you can provide about your kitchen space, the better

Flooring	
Ceiling type	
Stud/Ceiling height	
Ceiling scotia type & size	
Architrave type & size	

Additional notes

Note details not covered in this Plan, that you consider is important to your kitchen/joinery design

Share this plan with your Kitchen Designer



What moments will you make in your new Mastercraft Kitchen?

Need a Kitchen?



GET IN TOUCH

Mastercraft Kitchens is the industry leader in kitchen and joinery design and manufacture throughout New Zealand.

Your kitchen will be designed and manufactured by locals who pride themselves on creating functional, stylish kitchens that clients will adore for years. We also specialise in bespoke joinery throughout the home – bathrooms, wardrobes, storage areas, office nooks, built-in furniture and more.

"We love our Mastercraft kitchen. The quality of the workmanship and the fact it is so user-friendly to work in would appeal to anyone wanting to update their kitchen or to have a completely new one.

I love working in the kitchen – with the bonus of a butler's kitchen, and we have had so many positive comments from friends and family. Thank you for making this a pleasure to work in. It is quick and easy to clean and always looks good!"

– P Blay, Rangiora



Need a Sparky?



GET IN TOUCH

Mastercraft Electrical is a nationwide network of highly qualified, experienced electricians.

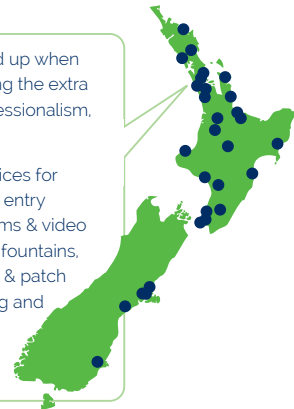
Our group of locally owned and operated businesses provide a range of electrical solutions, including the most up-to-date services for your new build or renovation.

For exceptional, friendly and on-time service contact Mastercraft Electrical.

"Mastercraft Electrical turned up when it mattered, consistently going the extra mile and showing calm professionalism, nothing was a problem.

They provided so many services for our modern home including, entry gates, speaker systems, alarms & video entry phones, lighting, water fountains, spa pools, computer cabling & patch panelling, under-floor heating and the complete inside and out wiring modernisation."

– S Lobb, Auckland



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