



THE 25 MOST COMMON MISTAKES
IN KITCHEN AND BATH RENOVATIONS;
DON'T LET THEM HAPPEN TO YOU!

GETTING STARTED

1. Thinking you can redesign your kitchen/bath with no professional help, "I took geometry..."
2. Hiring a designer to help you with your project that forgets he's a partner, not the CEO.
3. Having no idea of what you like and avoiding the homework needed to find out.
4. Closing your mind to your designer's suggestions, that's what he's paid for.
5. Not using a contract because you're friends. Not for long.
6. Shopping for appliances after the kitchen is designed.
7. Buying and wiring all your appliances before a working design is created

MONEY

8. Beginning your project without a firm budget number in mind.
9. Beginning your project with a firm budget in mind without some logical wiggle room.
10. Hiding what you're doing from your mate, especially when they police the family checkbook.
11. Writing a wish list before you do some research. It's important to be realistic.
12. Forgetting to add to the wish list one fanciful item. Life is short.
13. Underspending. The price of a new kitchen should be about 10% of the value of your home.
14. Overspending. You need something leftover to buy some food, or what's the point?
15. Putting money in the wrong places. If you're working with a limited budget, change the big parts first. Remember, cabinetry dictates the layout, use, function and aesthetic appeal of the space. Start there. (You probably guessed we would think that!)
16. Forgetting that quality costs up front but always pays off in the end.

TIMING

17. Hiring a contractor without specifying a start and end date in the contract.
18. Beginning a project in October having promised to do Thanksgiving.
19. Taking a vacation while the project is in process. Sounds tempting, but a really bad idea!

DESIGN

20. Misjudging the space. For eight people to sit around an island, you need a pretty big kitchen.
21. Choosing by trends or personal taste with no respect for the architecture of your home. A kitchen is the heart of a larger whole, not an island unto itself.
22. Not planning for the future. We all hate getting older, but...
23. Putting form over function. The custom mantle over the range may look beautiful, but if having it means that your sink is separated from your dishwasher...probably not worth the look.
24. Putting function over form. Efficiency is critical, but we spend a lot of time in this space. Make it look inviting.

MOST IMPORTANT OF ALL....

25. Taking a single step before calling Columbia Cabinets! Let CC make a difference in your home.