




KITCHEN RENOVATIONS:
CREATIVE WAYS TO SHAVE 10% OFF
... WITHOUT COMPROMISING
VISION, AESTHETIC OR FUNCTIONALITY


One of the first steps in a kitchen renovation is to set a meaningful budget.

That said, often estimates may be more than expected. It is always a good idea to meet with a designer who can help give you ideas to lower your cost.

A good rule of thumb is resisting your first instinct to scratch one large ticket item. The solution to getting back on the budget track is a combination of smaller, subtler adjustments.

Below are 10 recommendations that can help save you money when designing your dream kitchen. Remember, there is no need to compromise aesthetic or functionality

10 WAYS TO LOWER YOUR COSTS

1. Cut down on built-in accessories you don't need

What to keep...

- Pull-out trash bins
- Lazy Susan corners
- Difficult to install pullouts

What can go...

- Spice racks
- Built in baskets
- Silverware trays
- Towel bars
- Pull-outs in every base cabinet

2. Keep the details where they show the most

- ...not only will your wallet thank you but the overall look will likely be more classic and elegant since the details will not be overdone

3. Use glass doors but don't divide them with mullions

- ...don't sacrifice the beauty of glass doors...
- consider simple or patterned glass without the expense of wooden mullions

4. Consider one big cabinet rather than two small ones

- ...it improves storage and enhances functionality...and saves money!

5. Swap the tall chef's pantry for one with simple interior pull-out drawers

- ...the pull-outs are completely adjustable in height so you won't waste an inch!

6. Nix the appliance garage

- ...these cabinets are incredibly expensive and are often the least accessible in the kitchen – especially when they are in a corner.

7. Pick a free- standing range rather than a separate cooktop and wall oven

- ...and watch the savings add up on appliances, cabinetry, countertop and installation

8. Consider larger mouldings rather than smaller stacked ones

- ...the result is a similar look for much less money.

9. Ask the kitchen designer questions

- ...about door styles, woods and finishes. A small tweak can save big!

10. Research What you like

- ...flip through design magazines and clip images that are appealing.
- This will help your designer identify trends of what's important to you and what's not.

BY COMBINING SMALL, SUBTLE ADJUSTMENTS, IT SHOULD BE HARD TO SEE ANY
COMPROMISES IN THE FINISHED KITCHEN.

THEY WILL BE THERE...JUST CAREFULLY SELECTED TO MAINTAIN THE OVERALL
VISION AND FUNCTIONALITY OF THE PROJECT.