

3 Part Renovation Guide

The heart of the home.

It is for very good reasons the kitchen is called the heart of the home. Not only is it the place to store our food and cook meals, we also use the kitchen as a place to eat, talk, kick start our day with a coffee, catch up on work or to help the kids with their homework.

It's the most used space, the central hub for every member of the home, and for our family and friends. And so, creating an inspiring space will set the tone for the entire house!



Follow our simple
3 part guide to
renovating your
kitchen.



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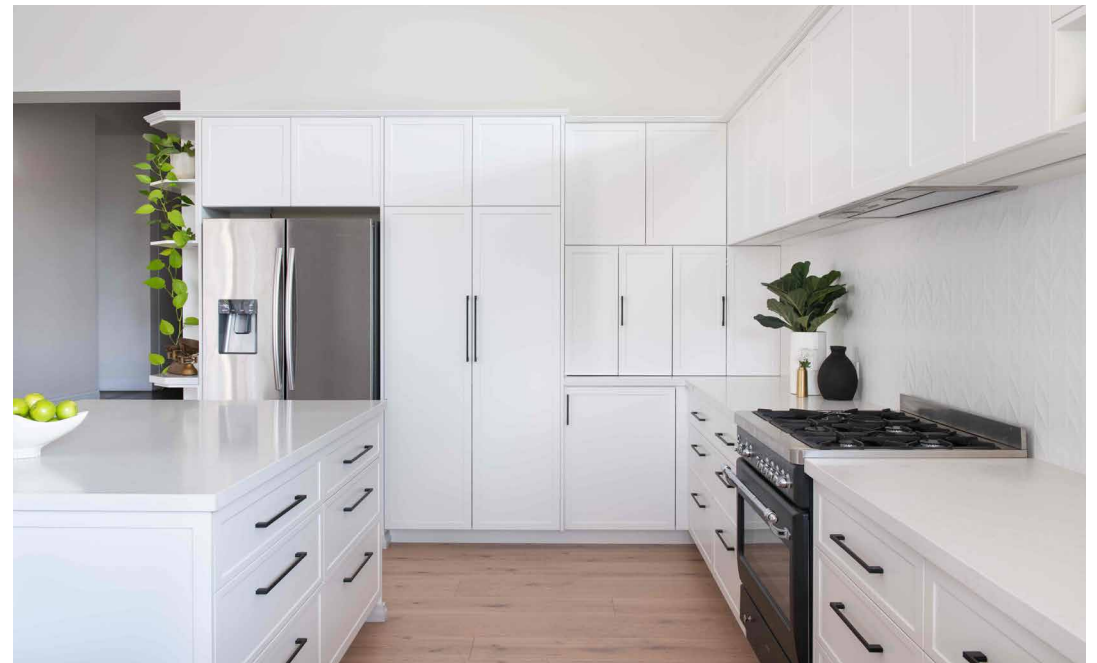
Research and Inspiration





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Now that you're inspired, it's time to create an outline for your ultimate kitchen. Ask yourself 'What do I really need from my kitchen?', think about how you will use this kitchen. Let's dive a little deeper.

How much cooking will be done? Are you more of a packet food connoisseur or do you love to cook from scratch, in which case you'll need more bench space as well as clever storage for your pots and pans.

How do you like to entertain? Do you want more room for socialising and enjoying casual meals in the kitchen. You may need more storage for your glasses, crockery and utensils, enough for all your guests or an island bench with enough space to present your platters and be the centre of your gatherings. You may need to allocate space where people can sit and be part of the action.

What are your shopping habits like? Are you someone who likes to get bits here and there, or someone who likes to keep the pantry fully stocked at all times? If you are the latter and you also have a family to feed, you'll need to look at extra pantry room and space for a big fridge freezer.

How much storage will you need? The last thing you want is for your new kitchen to look cluttered. To stop this happening, ensure you factor in plenty of storage solutions into your new design. Things like a pull-out bin under the sink as opposed to a stand alone bin, or large drawers big enough to store all your pots and pans. If space is an issue, things like pull-out pantries and spacious corner cupboards can really make a huge difference. Make sure to put your everyday items within easy reach, and save your top cupboards for things you might only use a few times a year (like your Christmas dinner set or the special china).

Do you have a colour scheme in mind? Think about how your kitchen colour scheme will work with your home's existing one. Colour can make a powerful statement and set the mood you wish to create. Remember, you can always work colour and personality into the space by use of accessories, which are much easier to replace if you feel like a change.

Do you have a preferred shape for your kitchen? There are a few key shapes to choose from: L-shape, U-shape, Island, Galley, Double Galley and Corridor.



Design & Finishes.

When you've decided on the overall structural plan of your kitchen, the next step is to find a design that will really work for you and your house style.

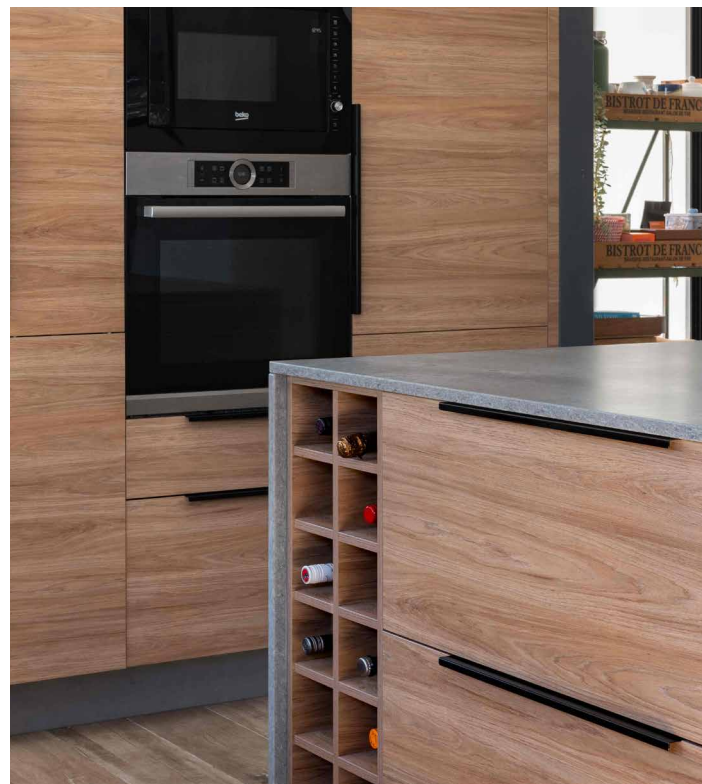
For this, it helps to think back to your current kitchen. What did you love most about it? What things annoyed you? Write them all down, as this will definitely help you choose a design that works for you!

Factor in existing windows and doors, or, if you're planning on adding new ones, figuring out where you'll put them before planning your space.

Benchtops is crucial to the function of your kitchen, it is also one of the first things people notice as part of the overall design. Do you want to make a statement?

If this is all sounding a little tricky, don't worry – our master craftsmen are only too happy to talk you through the process! Contact Kitchen Craftsmen today or visit one of Kitchen Craftsmen's 6 showrooms where you can see the full range of kitchen finishes, including:

- Cupboard and door styles and finishes
- Stone or laminate benchtop
- Handles and accessories
- Appliances





Write everything down.

Keep track of your inspiration and ideas. Start by writing a list of wants and needs for your renovation, including the things you can't do without, and ones you're willing to be flexible on. Keep a digital (or physical) scrapbook that you can show to your preferred kitchen renovation company to help share your vision of what you want – this will help speed up the process and ensure you don't miss anything in Stage 2 (Budgeting and Design).

If you're feeling adventurous, even measure and write down measurements of your current kitchen area (tips to measuring are here). Don't worry if you can't get down these measurements, the helpful staff at Kitchen Craftsmen can come to your house to help measure.





Budgeting and Design





Budgeting.

By now, you should have a rough idea of what overall amount you have available to spend on your kitchen renovation.

It helps having a budget in mind when speaking with your kitchen designer so they can tailor the design and finishes to ensure it stays within your budget. You may be able to source your own tradesmen to help out with painting or electrical work, which may further save you money.

Choosing a kitchen renovation company.

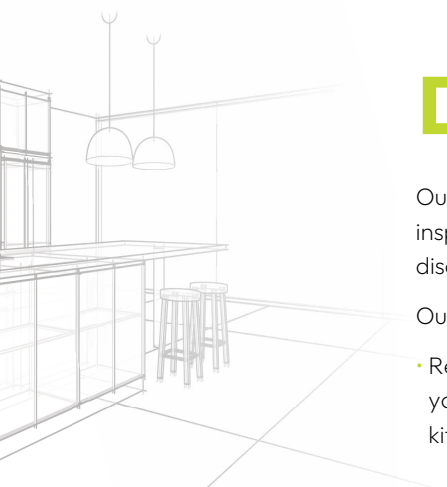
Once you have your inspiration and a list of what you want to include in your kitchen – it's time to choose the right kitchen designer.

It's wise to choose a company with a good reputation, who have been serving the local market for a long time and have excellent reviews (through review sites and social media).

Product Review is a good place to look at the various Kitchen design/installation companies around WA to compare their past performances. Kitchen Craftsmen have had over 150 reviews with an average rating of 4.8 on Product Review.

You can also view over 30 fully installed kitchens at one of the 5 showrooms around Perth located in Joondalup, Midland, Jandakot, Osborne Park and Claremont.





Design with Kitchen Craftsmen.

Our Kitchen Craftsmen team love it when people bring in their inspiration material. This provides the chance to chat and discuss so many ideas and possibilities for your kitchen.

Our design and quoting process is pretty simple and involves:

- Reviewing your inspiration collection (if you have started). If you have rough kitchen measurements or photos of your old kitchen – it can really help.
- Draft up some designs in our CAD program (we provide this service free of charge).
- We'll visit your kitchen to measure more accurately.
- Finesse and finalise your plans and desired finishes and features.
- Prepare an obligation free quote.



Preparation and installation





Preparation.

As you get closer to the kitchen renovation date, you'll need to start preparing for installation. Some key areas of preparation include:

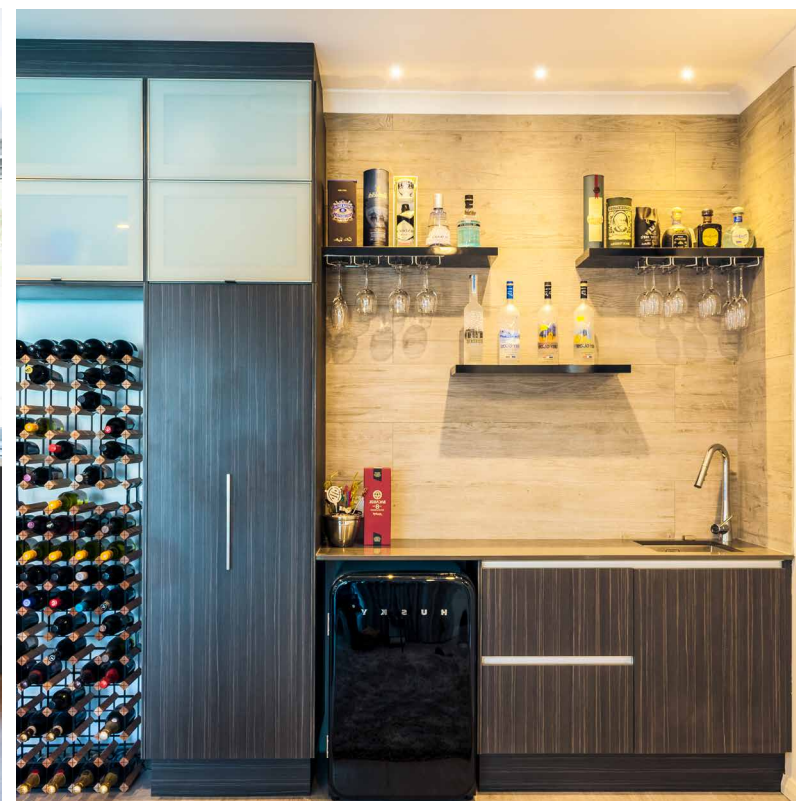
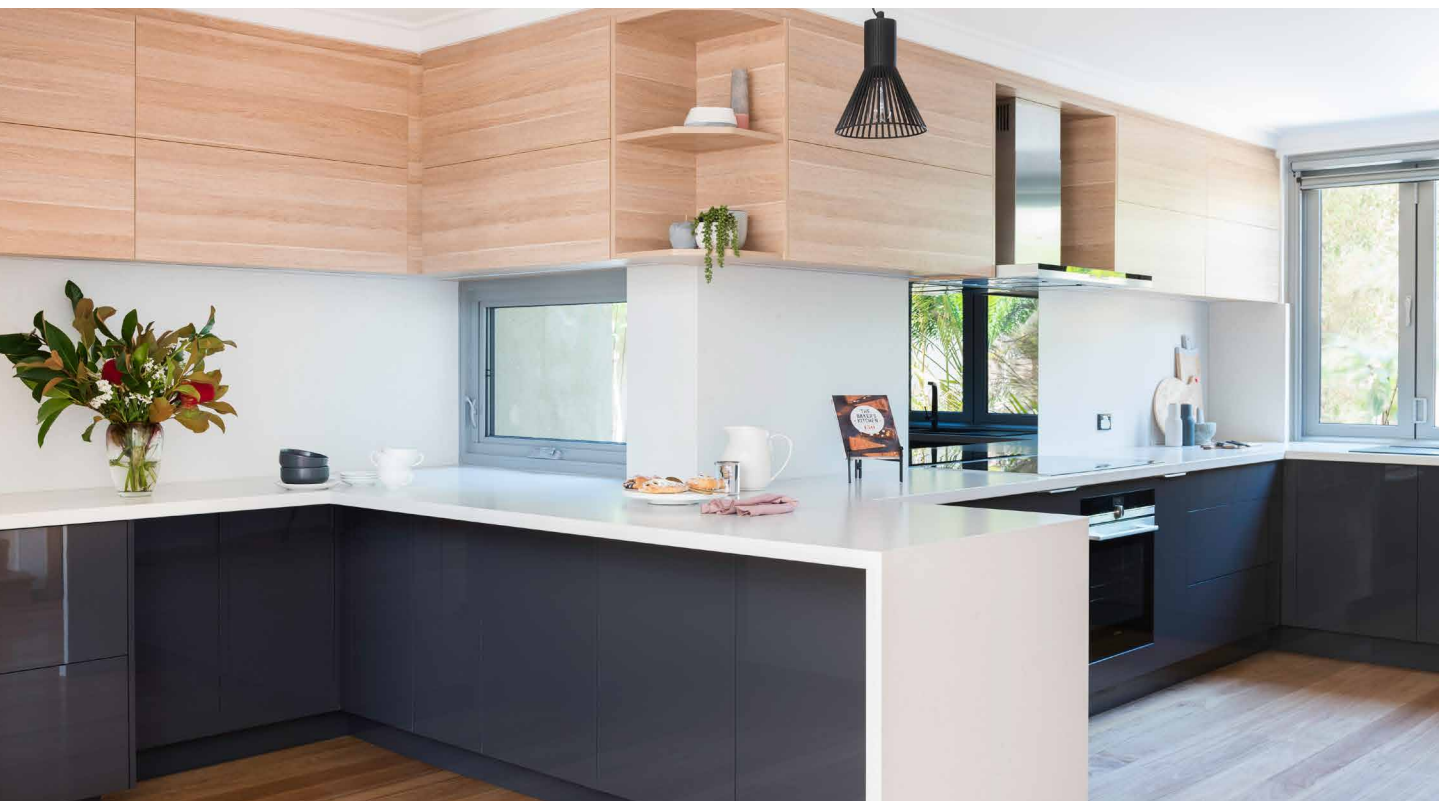
Pack up: Start to pack up all kitchen items into well labelled boxes. Pay particularly close attention to fragile/breakable items with screwed up newspaper or bubble wrap to help protect. Having well labelled boxes will make life so much easier when you're putting everything back.

Clearway: Keep the access ways to your current kitchen free of trip hazards, boxes and general clutter. This will ensure ease of access for all trades, and also minimise the chance of things getting knocked over. If you can, close off some of this kitchen space to ensure you minimise dust and debris spreading out to other areas of the house.

Temporary Kitchen: You'll need somewhere to do your cooking and washing up when your kitchen is being installed. You'll need to have access to power as a minimum for things like the fridge, coffee machine, toaster and microwave. If you have close access to water, that would also be beneficial. You can also utilise the services of companies such as UBER Eats to break things up a bit.

Services: All other items such as water, electricity, gas, demolition and skip bins etc will be taken care of by the Kitchen Craftsmen team (unless you have your own trades you'd like to use), which makes life a lot easier!





Timings.

Allow for time to be without a kitchen. To help you plan for this stage, here's a rough guide to how long installation can take:

- Removal of old kitchen (1 day to 1 week)
- Alter services: plumbing, electrical and preparation of surfaces for install (1 day – 3 weeks depending on complexity)
- Installation of new kitchen, benchtops and splashbacks (1 day – 4 weeks depending on complexity)
- Finishing off: Appliance installation, electrical, tiling, flooring and painting to finish off (1 day – 4 weeks depending on complexity)

Finishing off.

Is a 'kitchen warming party' a thing?

If not, it should be! To celebrate your new kitchen, host a dinner party with some of your nearest and dearest! A great idea is to showcase some of the photos you took of your last kitchen, so you can appreciate your new one even more. Plus, don't forget to take photos of your new kitchen during dinner parties – after all, it's time to start making those new kitchen memories!



Ready to get started?

Contact Kitchen Craftsmen for your free consultation to discuss your individual needs, or visit one of our 5 showrooms around Perth located in Joondalup, Midland, Jandakot, Osborne Park and Claremont.

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Kitchen Craftsmen is proudly WA's largest independent kitchen manufacturer for both new and existing homes. We look forward to hearing from you!

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