

Kitchen Planning Guide



DOWNEAST KITCHENS
Your Kitchen Design Experts in Midcoast Maine

The kitchen is the center of every home. So whether you're building or remodeling, it's important to design a room that's both efficient and inviting, with special touches that reflect your personal style. Downeast Kitchen's planning guide outlines important information that we need, like room measurements, appliance specifications, and color and style preferences, to help us estimate and expedite your project. Just complete the following worksheets and before you know it you'll be enjoying the kitchen of your dreams!

Begin with Inspiration

1. Visit Downeast Kitchen's website to find a wealth of information and product links that will give you ideas and help you become an informed customer. Explore our project gallery at www.downeastkitchens.com to discover how we can help you plan a wonderful kitchen.
2. Stop by Downeast Building Supply's Kitchen Showroom, located on Spring Street in Brunswick to see the area's largest showroom. Browse our extensive selection of quality cabinets, countertops, sinks, plumbing fixtures and more. Compare styles and discover your preferences.

Draw your Dream Kitchen

This is the fun part. Before your design consultation, look through books and magazines to help get your creativity flowing. Get a pad of paper and all of your reference materials (books, magazines, product research) and start playing with different design options. Now is the time to experiment with special features and flourishes you've been dreaming about. How about a shelf for your cookbooks, an island with seating and extra storage, or a walk-in pantry? Make a collage or assemble a folder of all your wants using magazine and brochure photos or brainstorm your own ideas from scratch.

Measure for Measure

Okay, here's the important part of the prep work. We'll need your room measurements to prepare an estimate for the project. Be as accurate as you can when measuring and be sure to include all walls, windows, and doors. Use the graph paper in this guide if you like.

Measuring Tips:

WALLS:

1. Draw a rough outline of your kitchen.
2. Measure your first wall from corner to corner and write the measurement in inches.
3. Measure the wall again, this time from one corner to the edge of the molding of the first window (or door) opening.
4. Measure across the window or door opening (including molding).
5. Measure from the window or door's molding to the far wall. (If there is another opening in this wall, repeat steps 3 & 4).
6. Make sure the total of measurements from steps 3-5 equal your first wall measurement.
7. Repeat for all walls. Note half walls and pass-throughs (both length and height).

WINDOWS AND DOORS:

1. Measure from floor to bottom edge of window sill molding.
2. Measure from sill to top of window molding.
3. Measure from top of window molding to the ceiling.
4. Measure from floor to ceiling (do this in 2-3 places along the wall for greatest accuracy).
5. For doors, measure from the floor to the top of the molding, then from the top of the molding to the ceiling.
6. Measure width of door (including molding). Indicate which way the door swings.

OTHER LAYOUT CONSIDERATIONS:

- Indicate the location and measurements of your sink and any other fixtures that will stay where they are now.
- Indicate where you would like your appliances.
- Measure all appliances and list them on your drawing (this is very important as the cabinets are put in place around these fixtures).
- Verify all your measurements for accuracy.
- Remember that these measurements are for estimation purposes only. The more accurate you are the more accurate the estimate you receive from Downeast can be. However, all measurements will be verified by a designer before an actual order is placed.

Come Meet Us!

Now that you have everything we'll need to get started, make an appointment for your personal design consultation. Our experienced kitchen designers are available to work with you throughout your project. To make sure we can discuss your ideas one on one, please [make an appointment online](#) or by calling us at (207) 729-9924 or 1-800-339-9921. Please bring these completed worksheets, and of course, lots of ideas and questions! We look forward to working with you.

Budget Considerations

The cost of your remodeling project depends on a wide range of variables including what materials and accessories you choose, contractors' and sub-contractors' fees and whether or not you are replacing appliances.

Cabinets typically account for up to half the cost of your project. Installation and labor costs make up the next largest portion. This is followed by the costs of other major design elements (countertops, flooring, and appliances). Cabinets range from basic to deluxe. Costs vary depending on quantity, style, wood species, and construction features. The more intricate the design, the higher the price will be.

If you have a budget in mind, your Downeast Kitchen Designer can suggest materials and manufacturers within the investment range you are considering. We are eager to answer questions and work with you to perfect these project elements (if available, indicate budget range of each):

<input type="radio"/> Cabinets	\$ _____
<input type="radio"/> Countertops	\$ _____
<input type="radio"/> Sink	\$ _____
<input type="radio"/> Faucet	\$ _____
<input type="radio"/> Cabinet Hardware	\$ _____

There are many other elements that you may need to factor into your project. Though Downeast Kitchens is not able to offer all these services or products, we will gladly recommend local suppliers and work with them to incorporate these elements into your design:

<input type="checkbox"/> Lighting	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Flooring	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Appliances	
• Refrigerator	\$ _____
• Range, Oven or Cooktops	\$ _____
• Microwave	\$ _____
• Combination Micro-hood or Range Hood	\$ _____
• Dishwasher	\$ _____
• Trash Compactor	\$ _____
• Garbage Disposal	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Contractor	
• Demolition	\$ _____
• Installation	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Electrician	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Plumber	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Propane Gas Technician	\$ _____
Total Project Budget	\$ _____

A few last minute budgeting tips to help you stay on track and give you what you want:

- If you plan to change your current kitchen's layout, move or remove walls, consult with your contractor first to determine costs and feasibility. It is also a good idea to check with your plumber, electrician and/or gas technician if you plan to relocate plumbing and/or appliances. Moving these major elements can be a costly addition to your project.
- Remember to save room in your budget if you want to include accessories such as appliance garages, molding, drawer and cabinet inserts or unique finishes.
- Try to include everything in your estimates. This will eliminate the surprise element when you get a bill for installation or realize at the end of the project that you have left no money for cabinet hardware.
- Another way to save money is to do some of the work yourself. Paint, replace sinks, hang wallpaper or install hardware – whatever you feel comfortable doing. You might find you really enjoy putting a little elbow grease into your new space!

Kitchen Planning Worksheet

Complete this worksheet and bring it, your measurements, and all of your ideas when you meet with your Downeast Building Supply Kitchen Designer. Be sure to call for an appointment so we have time to devote to your project.

Homeowner's name: _____ Job location: _____

New construction or remodel? _____

Will your kitchen be used for anything other than meals (entertaining, homework, etc.)? _____

What do you like about your current kitchen? _____

What doesn't work in your existing kitchen? _____

If space permits would you like an eating/ seating area or an island? _____ For how many people? _____

Number of persons in household? _____

Number of persons working in the kitchen during meal preparation? _____

Are there any persons in your household who are physically challenged or have special needs? _____

What style would you like for your new kitchen (traditional, contemporary, shaker, other)? _____

What color schemes appeal to you (soft and calming, dramatic and bold, ocean tones or a particular color)? _____

Do you want a single or double bowl sink? _____

If you would like a dishwasher, what side of the sink do you prefer to have it on? _____

What cabinet style/ finish/ wood specie do you prefer? _____

Can you make your new kitchen more efficient by adding the following (check all that apply):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Corner Cabinets | <input type="checkbox"/> Appliance Garage | <input type="checkbox"/> Spice Rack |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pantry Unit | <input type="checkbox"/> Pull-out Waste Bins | <input type="checkbox"/> Glass in doors |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wine Rack | <input type="checkbox"/> Sliding Shelves | <input type="checkbox"/> Crown Molding |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drawer Dividers | <input type="checkbox"/> Lazy Susan | <input type="checkbox"/> Other Accessory |

Would you like your cabinets to be ceiling height (be sure to include the height of your ceiling)? _____

What appliances will you be using (we will need measurements and/or model numbers for an accurate design)?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Refrigerator _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Range/ Oven/ Cooktop _____ Gas or electric service _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dishwasher _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Microwave _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Range Hood _____ |

Do you have a budget in mind? _____

Who will be installing your new kitchen? _____

Would you like us to recommend a contractor/ installer? _____

Do you have a time table for the job? _____

What type of countertop would you like (check all that apply)? Color preference? _____

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Natural Stone (i.e. granite) | <input type="checkbox"/> Butcher Block |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Quartz (engineered stone) | <input type="checkbox"/> Laminate (postform or custom square edge) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Solid Surface (i.e. Corian®) | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

What type of faucet would you like (finish, number of handles, etc)? _____

Have you thought about hardware (finish, style, knobs or pulls)? _____

Use the grid on the last page to create a rough draft paper layout. Then bring this completed sheet to your Downeast Building Supply Kitchen Designer who will help you through the process every step of the way!

Kitchen Floor-Plan Grid

Each 1/4" square equals 1 foot or each small space equals 3 inches. (See pages 1 and 2 for step-by-step measuring & layout instructions.)

