

THE IKEA® KITCHEN JOURNEY CHECKLIST

Remodeling your kitchen requires many decisions; here are some of the things you will need to consider during the process.

① Where do you start?

- Start by going through the many IKEA inspirational sources. It's OK to dream big.
- What type of activities do you currently perform in your kitchen and what activities do you want to include in the future?

② Planning your kitchen

- What door style and what color do you like?
- What type of cabinets will you want? Doors or drawers?
- Have you thought of accent doors?
- Have you thought about the types of knobs and handles you want?
- What type of faucet will you want?
- What type of sink? Double bowl? Under-mount?
- How you would like the space above the wall cabinets finished (left open, soffit)?
- Would you like under-cabinet decorative trim (toe-kick, panels to the floor, etc)?
- Do you need pantry cabinets?
- Do you want an island or peninsula and will you have enough space for it?
- What type of interior options do you want?
- Do you want a base cabinet with a waste pull out drawer?
- What type of appliances do you want?
- Will you need to move plumbing and electrical?
- Would you like interior lighting for glass-door cabinet or under-cabinet lighting?
- What type of countertop do you want? Laminate? Quartz?
- Have you thought about what type of backsplash you want?

③ Buying your kitchen

- Will you take your kitchen home yourself or do you need it delivered?
- Do you have enough storage space for the boxes once they arrive?
- Don't forget to do an inventory of your order once it arrives.
- Make sure to clear a space for the boxes before you set up your delivery.
- Once you have all of your boxes, make sure that you have everything and that nothing arrived damaged.

④ Installing your kitchen*

- Will you do the work yourself or will you hire a professional?
- Check out the menu of installation services that are performed by Independent Service Providers.
- Remember to pick up a kitchen installation guide if you are planning on installing it yourself.
- What will you do for demolition and haul away?
- Some cities or towns require permits, remember to check before you start.
- Remember to check where your current flooring ends.
- If you are installing custom countertops, call your installer as soon as cabinets go in.
- Create a temporary kitchen using a microwave, mini-fridge and paper plates.
- Minimize dust by placing plastic drop cloth from floor to ceiling.

*In-home services provided by Independent Service Providers.