This guide will help you through all the steps you need to take along the way, including everything from finding your style and measuring your IKEA kitchen to planning, ordering and installing it.
LET’S GET STARTED

WITH YOUR NEW IKEA KITCHEN

At IKEA, you’ll find all the products you need to realize a complete dream kitchen. Whether your kitchen is large or small, we can offer you a wide range of well-designed and coordinated kitchen products that’ll support your every need, style and personality. Plus, we’re here if you need help with planning, delivery, installation or financing.
We know that planning and buying a kitchen is a complex project, with lots of choices and decisions to consider. To make your journey towards your new kitchen as convenient and stress free as possible, we have highly skilled kitchen experts available for you at the IKEA stores and Customer Support Center at IKEA-USA.com/customerservice. And, if you feel you need help with any of the steps described in this planning guide, we can offer you a service that best fits your needs, see page 15.

We also know that kitchens cost money. If you’ve found the perfect IKEA kitchen, but need some help spreading the cost, we can offer you financing options to help make your dream a reality, see page 15.
Find your style
Take some time to dream a little. What does an ideal kitchen look like to you, and what should it include? We show you where to search for inspiration and ideas.

Measure
The measurements are important as they will be the base for your new kitchen. We show you how to do it.

Plan
Outline your kitchen and see what it will look like. We provide you with recommendations and tips.
Services
You can do everything yourself, but you don't have to. Here you'll find all our available services.

Order, get it home and install
We'll help you finalize and process your order. Some items are available to take home yourself, or we can arrange delivery directly to your home. Installation services are available in many areas, plus we offer an installation guide if you choose to install your kitchen yourself.

More information and guidance
To make the whole process of getting a new kitchen as fun and easy as possible, we have everything from inspiring brochures and 3D planners to a hands-on installation guide to help you along the way.
Find your style

Take some time to dream a little

This is when your dreams and ideas will start to take shape. Add your needs and what your ideal kitchen looks like and you’ll for sure find a perfect match at IKEA.

Consider if you’re more of a classic type who likes a kitchen with lots of visible drawers and details...

...Or if you like a more modern approach with streamlined designs and drawers hidden behind larger fronts...

...Or, perhaps you’re somewhere in between and want the best of both worlds?

Discover all the styles, functions and ideas that we can provide for you.

The IKEA store
At your local IKEA store, you can stroll around in several built-up kitchens in different sizes and styles. Open up doors and drawers to reveal what’s inside, check out the functions in our appliances and have a chat with our kitchen experts to get even more ideas.

The IKEA website
On our website, you’ll find an abundance of stylish and functional ideas. In the kitchen gallery, we’ve prepared kitchens in different styles and sizes. Plus, we’ve broken down each kitchen into its components to make it easier for you to mix, match and create the kitchen of your dreams. See more at IKEA-USA.com/kitchens

The kitchen brochure
The kitchen brochure is also a great source of ideas and inspiration. Here you can see some of the thousands of possible combinations you can create. Pick it up at your local IKEA store or flip through it digitally on our website.
Measure

Be thorough when measuring

To measure the room in which you will install your kitchen isn’t hard to do, but it’s important that you get it right. Your measurements will be the basis for all your planning.

Give yourself plenty of time to measure precisely. Make sure to take your measurements in inches to ensure your new kitchen correctly fits your space. Here’s how you do it.

A: Measuring your room

01 Start by measuring from the floor to the ceiling. Then measure the distance between walls and from the corners to the doors.

02 Measure each window and their distances from the floor, the ceiling and the corners of your room. Do the same for the door(s).

03 Make note of anything that sticks out into the room, such as radiators, ventilation shafts and pipes. Measure and mark the position of existing power outlets and light switches. Detail where you want new ones to be, too.

Note the position of your drains and water supply. If you plan to relocate these, indicate their new positions.

Read more about our Measurement service and IKEA Home planner on page 15
**B: Measuring your worktop**

It is important to get the measurements for your countertop right, especially if you plan to order a custom-made one.

01 Start by measuring your countertop from the corner where it will attach to the wall. Ensure your measurements run parallel to the wall and always start from the same point.

02 When measuring the depth, start from the wall and measure out. Don’t forget to add 1½" for an overhang, too.

03 If you need to measure for a freestanding countertop (a kitchen island, for example), simply start from one side, measure to the other side and add 3" extra for an overhang.
Plan your kitchen

Now it’s time to make your dreams and ideas take shape

There are a lot of things to consider and think about. Take your time to make sure you end up with the kitchen you wished for. On the following pages we’ve gathered recommendations and tips that’ll help you along the way. Think about how you normally use your kitchen and what feels comfortable for you. Look at your existing kitchen and make a list of the things you like and what you’d want to change.

A: Work flow

When planning your kitchen, keep the three work zones in mind:

- Preparing/cooking
- Washing
- Food storage

How you position your work zones and the distance between them is called a working triangle. A good working triangle helps you to move quickly and easily from task to task – and it improves efficiency while multiple people are working in the kitchen at the same time.

01 A good natural flow between the fridge/freezer, the cooking zone and the washing zone will make your everyday kitchen life a lot easier.
A: Planning

02 Straight-line kitchens are perfect when space is limited. It’s not strictly speaking a triangle, but the three points are still connected.

03 Parallel kitchens are great if you have many people cooking at the same time. There’s lots of room for food preparation and storage, too.

04 L-shaped kitchens make the most of a corner. They’re ideal if you want to add a small dining table or kitchen island as well.

05 If you have space, adding an island to your kitchen gives you extra storage, lots of work space – plus, it’s a great social hub. Give yourself 48” between the island and other cabinets to move around freely.

06 If you have a large room, the U-shaped layout is great. It gives you maximum space and plenty of storage options.
Do’s and don’ts
Here are some recommendations, tips and what to avoid in order to get the most of your kitchen.

C: Recommendations

01 The best place for preparing food is the work surface between the cooktop and the sink.

02 Make sure that the distance between opposite rows of cabinets is wide enough for doors on both sides to be opened at the same time, and for multiple cooks to move around safely.

03 Place the wall cabinets high enough not to block the view over the countertop.

04 Make space next to the cooktop for pot stands to put hot pans on.

05 For safety and functionality, mount the extractor hood/fan at the recommended height above the cooktop as shown in the assembly instructions.

06 Leave space for cover panels if you’ll have wall cabinets next to the extractor hood/fan.

07 Place a 2” filler piece between cabinets and the wall to ensure there is enough space to open doors and drawers fully.

08 Place the sink and cooktop in the same line to avoid having to move hot objects over the floor.

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D: Tips

01 An elevated oven means you won’t have to bend down to reach it.

02 Locate the dishwasher close to the sink to make loading and unloading easier and to avoid spills on the floor.

03 Keep utensils, pots and pans close to the cooktop and sink for easy access when preparing and cooking. Keep flatware in a drawer close to the dining table.

04 Drawers offer great overview and easy access to the things you need. Add drawer mats or drawer organizers to keep things from moving around in the drawers and to reduce noise when putting things in drawers.

05 Place your recycling bins in a drawer under, or close to, the sink for easy access.

06 Electrical push-openers are great if you have your hands full and need to open a drawer with your knee or elbow – and to avoid leaving stains on the fronts and handles with sticky fingers.

07 Optimize the space behind your fronts with inner drawers. The outside can stay sleek while the inside is filled to the brim with drawers.

08 Use drawer lighting to find what you’re looking for when the kitchen isn’t fully lit.

09 Display your finest glasses on tempered glass shelves behind glass doors. Add cabinet lighting to enhance a cozy atmosphere as well as to make the room look bigger.

10 Use wall rails and accessories to make best use of wall space as well as to minimize clutter on the countertop. In addition, you’ll get the things you use often close at hand for efficient cooking.

11 If you have the space, add a cart or a workbench for more storage possibilities and work space.
E: Keep in mind

01 A sink by the window is nice when washing up. If your windows open inwards however, make sure they won’t be blocked by the faucet.

02 Placing a sink next to a wall or at the end of a row of cabinets disrupts work flow by limiting available work space.

03 An oven next to a wall disrupts work flow by limiting available work space, and it’ll put the wall at risk from heat and cooking stains.

04 Positioning appliances like ovens, dishwasher or extractor hoods in corners might block cabinets and drawers from opening fully.

F: Small space solutions

When space is limited, you sometimes have to compromise to make it work.

01 Use a small sink that fits into a 24” cabinet. Make sure to have at least 4” between the sink and the edges of the countertop to ensure sturdy construction.

02 To have a good preparation area, try to squeeze in at least 18” of work space between the countertop and the sink.

03 Follow manufacturer’s installation instructions when installing a cooktop next to a combustible wall.

04 If your space is too narrow for 24” deep cabinets, you can use 15” deep cabinets instead.

05 Make use of the wall to maximize storage opportunities and free up space on the countertop.

Read more about our Planning services and IKEA Home planner on page 15
Order, get it home and install

When you’re satisfied with your kitchen plan, it’s time to order it

However, we recommend that you drop by your local IKEA store to visit our kitchen experts before you do. They’ll help you with anything you feel uncertain about, and they’ll go through your plan to make sure everything fits. Afterwards, you can place your order right there and then if you like.

You have four options for how to place an order for your kitchen:

01 In the kitchen department at your local IKEA store

02 By phone: call Customer Service at 1-866-390-3145

03 On our website: IKEA-USA.com/kitchens

04 Directly in the IKEA Home Planner

IKEA Kitchens are designed to be installed by you

Installing a kitchen is a big project, but if you’d like to do it yourself, start by picking up the kitchen installation guide at your local IKEA store (or use the digital version on the IKEA website). It shows you how to do it yourself, step by step. In addition, it’s important that you follow the assembly instructions that are included in all product packaging.

Let our independent installation providers do the installation for you. For information about our installation services, see page 17.

Installation guide
This guide will give you an overview of the order in which to install your IKEA kitchen. It also provides tips and ideas on how to solve tricky challenges. Read more about our installation services on page 17.
Services

You can do it yourself, but you don’t have to

Our service offer gives you the freedom to design your own price tag by choosing not only the products that suit your budget but also deciding how much you want to do yourself and how much you want us to do for you. On these pages you’ll find the different services that are available to help and support you.

For more details about our services, talk to a co-worker at your local IKEA store or visit us at IKEA-USA.com/kitchenservices

Free Kitchen Planning Service

We offer two no cost options to have your kitchen professionally planned. You will receive a detailed layout of your kitchen including cabinets, appliances, and countertops, and a parts list to make it easy to order.

Most Convenient & available to everyone in the continental US:
Planning from Your Home Make a 90-minute appointment, online or in your local IKEA store. Allow time for you to measure your kitchen and select products before your appointment. A professional IKEA Kitchen Planner will work with you interactively online to plan your dream kitchen. You will be able to discuss every detail and view your plan being created. Your planner will follow-up with a second session to make any changes.

Visit an IKEA store:
Planning from the Store You can make an appointment online or at your local IKEA store for a two-hour in-store appointment with one of our professional IKEA Kitchen Planners. Allow time for measuring your kitchen and selecting products before your planning appointment.

Prior to your appointment, you will need to:

• Measure your space – The first step is getting your kitchen measurements. Instructions will be provided if you want to do this yourself. But if you live in an IKEA service area, a professional IKEA measurement technician can visit your home to measure your kitchen for you.

• Choose your products – Start browsing our kitchen products now to get a better understanding of what you want. You must know this before your planning session to make it productive.

IKEA Projekt Credit Card

Your dream home is now within reach. With the special financing options on our IKEA Projekt credit card*, you don’t have to put off loving every room in your home.
*Subject to credit approval.
IKEA Projekt Credit Card Accounts are issued by Comenity Capital Bank.
To learn more visit IKEA-USA.com/creditcard or drop by your local store.

Kitchen Measurement Service

It’s important to have your kitchen accurately measured before planning begins. An experienced IKEA Measurement Technician will come to your home, take all of the essential measurements, and enter the data in the IKEA Home Planner. Your Measurement Service fee is refunded when you have IKEA install your kitchen. Available for customers living within our service area.

Services and prices may vary. For more information about our services, visit IKEA-USA.com/services or your local IKEA store.
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IKEA Home Planner
You can plan your kitchen on your computer with our online 3D IKEA Home Planner at IKEA-USA.com/kitchenplanner.

It’s free, it’s fun and it calculates your price as you click along. You can PRINT, SAVE, and CHANGE your kitchen plan as many times as you want. Then come to the store and get advice – you can access the same plan you’ve been working on – and share it with our IKEA Kitchen Specialists.

Installation Price Quote
Upon completion of your Kitchen Plan on our IKEA Home Planner, we can schedule your Installation Price Quote. An experienced professional from IKEA will contact you and provide an itemized installation price quotation.

Installation Price Quote
• Confirmation of the scope of kitchen installation.
• Confirmation of the time schedule of kitchen installation.
• Confirmation of the price of kitchen installation.

Delivery
Whether you’re shopping in the store or online, and no matter how big the purchase, we can help do the heavy lifting and arrange delivery, by an Independent Service Provider, to your home or business.

Services and prices may vary. For more information about our services, visit IKEA-USA.com/services or your local IKEA store.
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IKEA Kitchen Installation Service
Professional IKEA kitchen installation makes your dream kitchen come true. Check with your local store to see if installation is available in your area. Professional kitchen installers will handle assembling and installing your IKEA cabinets, doors, drawers, interior fittings, handles and knobs. Your kitchen will be installed to the highest industry standards.

Kitchen installation includes:
• Assemble cabinets, drawers, doors, and interior fitting
• Install IKEA cabinets, toekicks and side cover panels (excludes 26×36” and 36×96” panels)
• Adjust all IKEA cabinet doors and drawer fronts for appearance
• Clean-up of your kitchen job site, which includes:
  - Daily broom cleaning of job site
  - Vacuum inside of cabinets, floors, and other surfaces upon completion of installation
• Attach IKEA knobs and/or handles to cabinet doors and drawers

5-Year Warranty
Professional Kitchen Installers are professional, licensed, insured, and warranty their work for 5 years post completion on IKEA supplied kitchen products.*

*Installation warranty is for the installation of IKEA kitchen products only. In the event of defects in workmanship, the IKEA product or materials will be repaired or replaced; provided, that the defect was not due to a product defect, normal wear and tear, accidents, alteration by the customer, misuse, abuse, or neglect.
More information and guidance

**IKEA Home Planner**
Design the SEKTION kitchen of your dreams in a 3D environment and get a price on every detail as well as the total kitchen. Print out your drawings and product list at home, or save to the IKEA website. At the IKEA store you can discuss your design and get lots of advice and guidance from our kitchen experts. Learn more at IKEA-USA.com/kitchenplanner

**Kitchen brochure**
A brochure full of inspirational pictures of kitchens in all styles and sizes. Here you'll find everything from full-sized kitchens to all those little extras that make everyday life in the kitchen easier and more fun.

**IKEA-USA.com**
On our webpage you'll find lots of inspiration and ideas to get the most out of your SEKTION kitchen, whether it’s new or old and looking to freshen up. Plus, here you'll find all the products that you can imagine to personalize and create the kitchen of your dreams.
SEKTION kitchen cabinets

This buying guide offers all you need to know to plan the position of your cabinets as well as the inside in the most efficient way.
IKEA-USA.com/buyingguide

Installation guide

This guide provides you with tips and step-by-step instructions on how to install your kitchen on your own. IKEA-USA.com/buyingguide

Kitchen system and Appliances

In these buying guides you’ll find all the products, details and prices to choose exactly what you need to make your dream kitchen a reality.
IKEA-USA.com/buyingguide
Checklist

Keep in mind
Before visiting our kitchen experts at the IKEA store, please have the following in mind to make your planning as easy and efficient as possible:

You'll need to bring:
- Your kitchen measurements
- Your IKEA Home Planner login details

It's good if you've considered:
- Cabinets, drawers and fronts
- Doors and handles
- Countertops
- Sinks
- Faucets
- Oven
- Microwave oven
- Cooktops
- Hood - what kind of ventilation do you have?
- Fridge/freezer
- Dishwasher
- Lighting – work and ambient light

Think about services, too:
- Measurement
- Planning
- Financing
- Delivery
- Installation

Remember, it's okay to change your mind
For complete peace of mind, if you get your kitchen home and you have a change of heart, you've got 365 days to return it. Just keep your receipt safe to make returns easier.

For more information, please see our return policy at IKEA-USA.com/returnpolicy

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us:

Customer services
Phone: 1-866-390-3145
Contact us:
IKEA-USA.com/customerservice

A high standard of accuracy has been sought in the preparation of this buying guide. We apologize for, but will not be bound by or responsible for, errors and omissions in this planning guide.