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Custom Kitchens, Baths, and Home Interiors

WHAT TO EXPECT DURING THE INSTALLATION OF YOUR KITCHEN

The Installation Begins

1. Carefully pack up all items in your cabinets and relocate them. It is a good time to go through and evaluate items you want to keep and others you may want to throw away or donate to a charity.
2. Identify an alternate location for your old refrigerator, microwave, coffee pot, toaster and any other essential items you want to have available during the remodel. Paper cups and plates are very helpful during this time.
3. The first thing the contractor will do is the demo (remove all existing items in the space). You may want to reuse old cabinets in the garage or in the lower level. If you want to reuse anything, discuss this with your contractor before you sign his contract so he can plan accordingly.
4. Once everything is removed, all electrical and plumbing rough-ins are completed. Drywall is replaced if needed and kitchen flooring is installed. If you are installing a wood floor, your contractor may sand the floor, apply a stain if required, and put the first two coats of sealer on the floor prior to cabinet installation. The last or third coat of sealer will be applied after the kitchen is installed.
5. The walls, crown and trim should be primed and painted prior to cabinet installation to prevent damage to the cabinets. Touchups can easily be made after the cabinets are in place.
6. Arrange to have your appliances, sink(s) and faucet(s) delivered and on your job site. This will help your carpenter to verify sizes and cutout dimensions. It may also help to avoid job delays due to items being out of stock.
7. Ideally, cabinets should be delivered and installed in a controlled temperature environment, i.e., heat or air conditioning. This will help to reduce the expansion and contraction of the wood doors.
8. Some clients want to personally choose the actual slab used in the fabrication of their countertop. This is a good time to visit the stone yard to finalize the stone type, color and reserve the slab or slabs. After the template is completed, you may want to again visit the stone yard to do a template layout on the selected slab(s).

Ready for Cabinets

1. The finish carpenter(s) will install the cabinets.
2. Once the base cabinets are set and leveled, the countertops are templated. It takes approximately 1 to 2 weeks for the granite/marble to be fabricated and ready for installation.
3. Appliances, such as wall ovens, warming drawers and refrigerators can be installed before the countertops.

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4. Once the countertops are in place, the rest of the appliances are installed. The plumber will also install the sink(s) and faucet(s) at this time.
5. The backsplash tile will now be installed.
6. Any remaining cabinet work will be completed. Often the crown, light valance, appliance wood panels, toe board, shoe moulding, etc. will be completed near the end of the project. Also, the final door and drawer adjustments and final touch-ups are made to the cabinets.
7. The electrician will install the under cabinet lighting and pendants. He will also finish the installation of any other lighting designed for your kitchen.
8. If everything has been coordinated properly and no major problems have occurred during the construction phase of the renovation, you should have a completed kitchen in 6 to 8 weeks.