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Custom Kitchens, Baths, and Home Interiors

WHAT TO EXPECT DURING THE DESIGN PHASE OF YOUR KITCHEN

1. The first meeting is an initial consultation to discuss project objectives, design requirements, priorities, budget, deadlines and aesthetic preferences. It is helpful if you complete the assessment form (located on this website) and establish a file of magazine pictures and ideas you like prior to our meeting. Measurements and "before" photographs may be taken at this time.
2. The design concept is prepared. This includes a combination of drafting, research, space planning and design in order to meet the goals and priorities of the project.
3. The second meeting will include a presentation of the general conceptual plan, which may suggest interior modifications as well as cabinetry design and floor plan drawings. Refinements to the original plan may be required.
4. Once the general design concept is approved, elevation drawings are sketched. Your contractor should review plans and complete his price estimate for the project.
5. All appliances must be chosen prior to ordering the cabinets. You must have a list of all appliances, brand names and model numbers. Cabinets are sized and cutouts are made to the exact specifications of the appliance manufacturer.
6. There are many types and sizes of sinks. The most popular are undermount stainless steel and porcelain/fireclay farm sinks. You will have to make a final decision on the brand and model number of your sink or sinks prior to placing your cabinet order.
7. Once you have finalized your sink(s) and appliance selections, final kitchen drawings can be completed.
8. It is also time to finalize the wood species, stain, doorstyle and knobs for your cabinets. Your cabinets can now be ordered.
9. You still have time, however, I suggest your backsplash stone/tile should be designed and ordered as early as possible due to back orders and long lead/order times. This will ensure that the stone/tile will be on your job site when needed for installation.
10. Lastly, any special lighting fixtures can now be selected and ordered. You should also finalize the design of task and accent lighting such as under cabinet lights, over cabinet lighting or puck lights inside glass door cabinets.