

## ***Kitchen Planning Checklist***

***A helpful guide to clarify your needs before starting a custom kitchen project.***

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### ***1. Define Your Kitchen's Purpose***

- I cook daily and need a highly functional layout.
- I cook occasionally and prefer a kitchen with visual flow.
- I entertain guests often and need seating and open areas.
- I need a family-friendly space (child-safe, accessible).
- Notes:

### ***2. Choose Your Layout Direction***

- One-wall kitchen (space-saving)
- L-shaped kitchen (versatile)
- U-shaped kitchen (maximum storage)
- Galley kitchen (efficient for cooking)

- Island or peninsula (social and functional)
- Notes:

### ***3. List Your Must-Have Appliances***

- Cooktop and wall oven
- Range (all-in-one)
- Built-in or panel-ready refrigerator
- Dishwasher (integrated or freestanding)
- Microwave drawer or built-in
- Wine fridge, coffee station, etc.
- Notes:

### ***4. Storage Priorities***

- Deep drawers for pots and pans

- Pull-out spice racks or pantry towers
- Corner solutions (LeMans, lazy Susan)
- Appliance garage
- Recycling/trash integration
- Hidden compartments or drawers
- Notes:

#### **5. *Aesthetic Preferences***

- Modern (minimalist, flat panel)
- Traditional (warm, detailed)
- Transitional (balanced)
- Scandinavian (light, functional)
- Coastal contemporary (open, airy)

- Inspiration sources: \_\_\_\_\_

## **6. Material Considerations**

- Solid wood (oak, walnut, teak)
- Humidity-resistant veneers or finishes
- Countertop preferences: \_\_\_\_\_
- Preferred finish types (matte, satin, gloss): \_\_\_\_\_

## **7. Timeline Expectations**

- Ideal start date: \_\_\_\_\_
- Ideal completion date: \_\_\_\_\_
- I understand that custom kitchens take approx. 10–16 weeks

## **8. Budget Range**

- Entry-level (\$25K–\$40K)
- Mid-range (\$40K–\$75K)

- High-end (\$75K+)
- I'd like help understanding how to prioritize my investment
- Notes:

### ***9. Design & Decision Process***

- I have inspiration photos or mood boards
- I'm working with an interior designer or architect
- I need help making selections (materials, finishes, layout)

### ***10. Questions to Ask Your Cabinetmaker***

- What are your shop drawing and approval timelines?
  - What materials do you recommend for Miami's climate?
  - Do you offer installation and post-installation support?
  - What kind of warranty is included?
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***Tip: Bring this checklist to your consultation or share it with your design team. It's a great starting point for productive conversations and planning.***