

How Long Does It Take To Remodel A Kitchen?

The amount of time it takes to remodel a kitchen varies by the complexity of the project. For simplicity sake, we'll discuss an average kitchen remodel where the kitchen is completely stripped, new cabinetry, counter tops with a tile backsplash and appliances are installed. New flooring is installed and the walls and ceiling are painted. The footprint of the kitchen will be redesigned but no structural work will be done. Windows and doors all remain in the same location.

Week 1 The first step is the demolition. Cabinetry, counter tops and appliances are removed. Anything else that needs to be removed should be taken care of at this time (flooring, wallpaper, etc.).

Next comes the rough in of all mechanicals; plumbing, electrical and HVAC (heating, ventilation and air conditioning). Drawings for the locations of the mechanicals should be done in advance, especially electrical.

Week 2 After the mechanicals have passed inspection, it's time to repair any wall or ceiling surface. Typically, demolition and mechanical installation make some wall repair necessary.

If the wall and ceiling repair is not too extensive, the cabinets should be able to be delivered and installation started. By the end of the week, the cabinets should be installed and ready for counter top templating.

Week 3 The first item to be completed is counter top templating. The fabricator will adjust for uneven and out of square walls. It usually takes about a week for the top fabricator to make the top at the shop and bring it back to the job for installation.

While we are waiting for the counter tops it would be a good time to install flooring. Depending on the type of flooring you have selected, this could take any where from one day to several days.

Week 4 The counter tops are installed. The following day we can arrange for appliance installation. We'll allow a day for appliance installation.

We'll need a day for the electrician and a day for the plumber to finish all of the hook-ups. That will give us an extra day for catch up.

Week 5 We are ready to install the tile backsplash. Allow 2 days for this installation.

All we have left to do is paint the walls and ceiling. Allow 2 to 3 days to finish painting.

Week 6 We should allow an extra few days for finishing touches. Remodeling projects always contain unforeseen issues that may take extra time to address.

Remember, the better job you do of selecting all of your materials up front and having all materials available will help shorten the time. Decisions made “on the fly” always create delays.