



Design It!

This section will guide you through the very first stage of creating your perfect kitchen. Now you may ask why use the word “your” and not simply “the” perfect kitchen? The answer to this is simple: There is no such thing as one single perfect kitchen. Each kitchen is uniquely created to match the needs of those who use it. The one that matches those needs the best is the one that is perfect for those users. The purpose of this page is to guide you through the complete process of creating *your* dream kitchen from start to finish.

New Home

So you have decided to purchase/build the single largest investment a family usually makes, now what?

The kitchen is traditionally a focal point for any home. Indeed the kitchen represents probably the single most expensive room in the house, followed only by the bathrooms.

In the nineties we witnessed the re-emergence of the kitchen as family room, with integrated PC workstations, and an open concept to allow for both family coordination as well as interaction.

Virtually all new construction kitchens have altered the conventional concept of a room as a cube with doors and windows. The open concept kitchen has created new living area effectively joining kitchen, living room, and dining room.

The following steps will help you plan out your kitchen providing you proper time lines and budgets.

Step 1.

Establish a goal and time frame for your construction/installation. Keep in mind, that unless Euro-Rite cabinets are stocked at your local retailer, from the time that you finalize your order (depending on door style), your cabinets will take between 2 and 4 weeks to arrive.

Step 2.

Establish a realistic budget for your kitchen. Cabinets cost alone usually represent approximately 25% of any complete kitchen. Euro-Rite cabinet price ranges for an average size kitchen start at \$ 1,350 and go to \$ 3,000 depending on door style. Allow for flexibility, seeing as accessories can add to the cost but can also dramatically increase the convenience and functionality of your kitchen.

Step 3.

Adhere to some common design principles. The first and most primary principle is the “work triangle”. This is a triangle where each point ends in either the sink, stove, or fridge. The closer this triangle is to being an equilateral triangle (all sides being of equal length), the better the work triangle. Although it may seem minor, this is in fact a crucial point of good kitchen design.

Renovation

In a home renovation scenario, you are presented with the ability to evaluate the functionality of your current kitchen and use the information you get to create a better one. Unfortunately depending on the level renovation you are doing you may be faced with certain overall construction limitations. Proper planning is still the key element in making your renovation a success.

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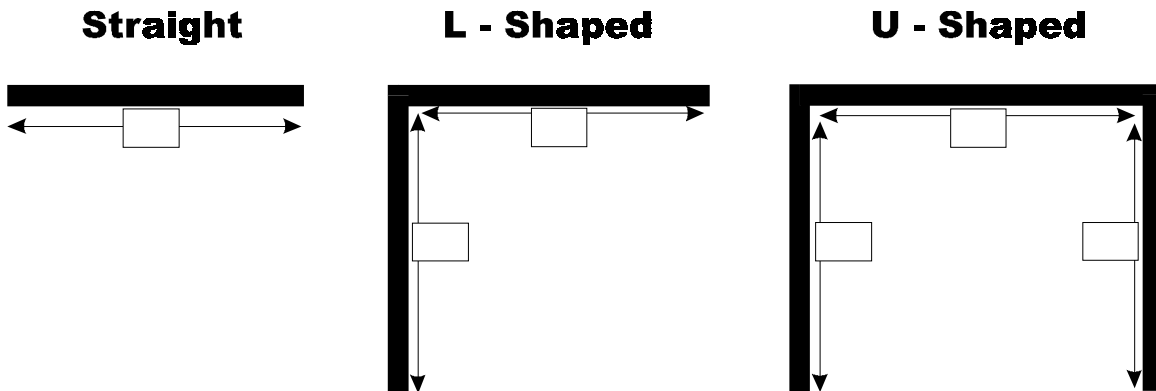
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Measure It!

The very first step in any kitchen design is generation of proper kitchen measurements. Depending on your level of confidence this can be done by almost anyone. However if you do not feel up for it, most stores will have someone available to do your measurements for you. When you are measuring your kitchen area the old carpenters rule of “measure twice cut once” applies. The wrong measurements will result in delays and most often costly mistakes.

Step 1:

All kitchen measurements are gathered from the walls. Use the following diagrams to do your kitchen measurements.



Step 2:

Gather all measurements on appliances as well as those for windows and openings.

Appliance Widths

	Width With Casing	Distance from Center To Origin Point
Window(1)	_____	_____
Window(2)	_____	_____
Window(3)	_____	_____
Door(1)	_____	_____
Door(2)	_____	_____
Stove	_____	
Fridge	_____	
Sink	_____	
Micro.	_____	
Dish.	_____	

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Once you have your measurements you can proceed to the design phase. Here you will be able to work in all of the key elements that will make your kitchen work the best for you. Don't leave out any of those special features that will add to convenience, or showcase your kitchen.

Cabinet Upgrades

Mullion Doors
Drawer Banks
Pantries
Clip-On Hinge Plates
Pull Out Drawers

Accessories

Lazy Susan's
Sink Tip Out Trays
Cutlery Trays
Moldings
Spice Trays

Laying out your kitchen is simple and easy to modify for any variations you may have. Using state of the art cabinet design programs such as 20/20 allow you to see 3D rendered drawing of you kitchen the way it will look once it is all done.

Choose It!

Once you have designed your ideal functional kitchen you can now choose the esthetic side. The door style you choose will determine the final price that you will pay. Euro-Rite has a wide range of door styles that allow you to find the perfect look that fits your budget. From natures finest wood to mans precision-engineered laminates the choices can be made to fit your level of tolerance. With European frameless cabinets the door covers the full cabinet front allowing for a bold uniform look.

Buy It!

Once you finalized all of your choices comes the point to purchase your kitchen. Depending on how you have budgeted along the way this should be a fairly painless procedure. With Euro-Rite cabinets you can also feel confident in the fact that you will pay less for your kitchen, than most other kitchen/bathroom cabinets available on the market.