

Kitchen Renovation Timeframe

A step by step look at what tasks are involved in a kitchen renovation and an estimate of how much time each task requires.

TASK	TIME ESTIMATE	TIME TO CONSIDER
Planning	At your pace	How much time depends on you. It can be years, days, or weeks. Your scope of work will affect this heavily.
Finding a Contractor	At your pace	Take into consideration referrals, meeting time, reference checking, budget considerations and whether they are available to meet your timeline.
Initial Design Process	1-3 days	Measure your space (fill out Measuring Guide, take pictures, draw new floorplan)
Finalize Design Process	1-4 weeks	Finalize floor plan, select cabinet sizes, door styles and finish and any cabinet accessories.
Ordering Products	1 day-6 weeks	Stock cabinets can be picked up same day (with an appointment), Quick-Ship options 2-3 weeks, custom cabinetry 4-6 weeks.
Sourcing / Shopping for Finishing Materials	At your pace (allow at least 2-4 weeks)	New light fixtures, faucet, sink, appliances, hardware, countertop, paint colour, window treatments, stools, and accessories.
Demolition / Structural Changes (removing an interior wall, moving a window)	2-3 days to 2-3 months	Taking out existing cabinets & flooring make sure you have a plan to get rid of the construction materials. If in good condition, you can sell or donate to Habitat for Humanity. Any changes affecting existing interior or exterior walls will require permits and time.
Rough-in Utilities Plumbing, gas and new electrical for new kitchen layout	2-5 days (over 2 weeks depending on availability of trades)	This is your opportunity to move the dishwasher, the stove and the refrigerator.

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Painting Ceiling, wall, trim	2-3 days	Painting is much easier in an empty space. No need to cut around cabinets or get paint on them. Before installing cabinets, allow time for touch ups and paint to dry completely.
Flooring Installation	1-2 days	Time varies depending on what flooring you select and who is doing the installation. Consider the size of your space, and if you will be replacing flooring in other rooms at the same time.
Countertop Measurement	1 day	Pre-schedule with your countertop supplier as they may only be available on certain days of the week. Apron sinks must be installed before templating.
Appliance Install Part 1 All built in appliances not affected by the installation of your countertops	1 day	Ensure all utilities are ready for install and ventilation is in place for hook up.
Install Lighting Potlights, pendants and undercounter lighting	1-2 days	Lighting can be easy, but consult a professional if you are doing it yourself.
Countertop Fabrication	1 week (laminated), 2 weeks (hard surfaces)	Delivery time varies by material and supplier. Always check product availability.
Countertop Installation	1 day	
Backsplash Installation	1-2 days	Depends on design, type of material used and if you are doing it yourself.
Appliance Install Part 2 Installation of sink and other appliances (stove top cut out) affected by countertop installation.	1-2 days	This install is affected by your utility type (gas or electric) and final adjustments.
Fine Carpentry Floor trim, toekick, moulding details, hardware, cabinet adjustments	2-4 days	There are many details to complete for your renovation. Allow a week to complete all the finishing touches.

TOTAL: 3 - 6 MONTHS