



# COLUMBIA CABINETWORKS

FINE CUSTOM MADE CABINETRY



## THE TWENTY-TWO KEY QUESTIONS TO ASK YOURSELF WHEN PLANNING A NEW KITCHEN



### YOUR CURRENT KITCHEN:

1. How old is your current kitchen? \_\_\_\_\_ Years: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Does the style of your current kitchen match:
  - a. The architecture and style of your home? \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Your personal taste? \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. Your needs and use? \_\_\_\_\_
3. What do you dislike about your current kitchen? \_\_\_\_\_
4. What do you like about your current kitchen? \_\_\_\_\_
5. In your current kitchen's space:
  - a. Do you have enough cabinet space?
    - i. Wall cabinet space \_\_\_\_\_ Yes  No
    - ii. Base cabinet space \_\_\_\_\_ Yes  No
    - iii. Tall cabinet space \_\_\_\_\_ Yes  No
    - iiii. Pantry space \_\_\_\_\_ Yes  No
  - b. Do you have enough counter space? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes  No
  - c. Do you need more areas to prep food? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes  No
  - d. What items would you like to store better? \_\_\_\_\_
  - e. Is your sink big/deep enough? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes  No
  - f. Is your refrigerator big enough? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes  No
  - g. Is it easy to take prepared meals from the kitchen to the eating area? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes  No
  - h. Do you need more organization in the space? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes  No
  - i. Do you have enough light in the room? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes  No
  - j. Do you or your family members have any special needs that your current kitchen doesn't address? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes  No

## YOUR NEW KITCHEN, STYLE:

1. What general design styles do you like? \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Traditional, Vintage, Contemporary, Country, Tuscan, etc?) \_\_\_\_\_
  
2. What cabinetry do you like?
  - a. Door style \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Wood types (i.e. Cherry, Maple, Oak, Pine, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. Finish/Stain \_\_\_\_\_
  
3. Are there any architectural features in your home or furniture that you would like to incorporate in your new kitchen?
  - a. Furniture style feet/ legs/ columns \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Corbels or brackets \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. Crown Moldings \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. Trim \_\_\_\_\_
  - e. Other \_\_\_\_\_
  
4. Have you found images of kitchens in magazines, books, TV, the internet, or actual kitchens in friends' homes that you like?  
 Try to clip pictures, take photographs, and write notes about the kitchens you like.  
 Also pointing out features you dislike will be helpful as well!

## YOUR NEW KITCHEN, FUNCTION:

1. How many people are in your household?  1  2  3  4  5  6  7  More  
 a. List their ages \_\_\_\_\_
  
2. How many people will use your kitchen?  1  2  3  4  5  6  7  More
  
3. How many people cook in the kitchen at one time?  1  2  3  4  5  6
  - a. Is the cook(s) right-handed or left-handed?  Cook #1  Cook #2  Cook #3  Cook #4  Cook #5  Cook #6
  - b. How tall is the cook(s)? \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. Does the primary cook desire help while in the kitchen or would they prefer to cook alone? \_\_\_\_\_  With Help  Alone

4. What types of meals do you prepare? \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Gourmet, fast, regional dishes, baked breads,  
 grilled meats, catered meals, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_
5. What appliances do you use the most for cooking/preparing meals? \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_
6. What appliances do you use the least? \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_
7. Do any of the people using the kitchen have special needs? \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_
8. Will you eat in your kitchen? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes  No   
 a. At a bar or island \_\_\_\_\_   
 b. At a table \_\_\_\_\_
9. Do you need better access from the cooking area to the dining area? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes  No
10. Do you need to use the space for more than one function? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes  No   
 a. Office Use/ Mail Area \_\_\_\_\_   
 b. Homework \_\_\_\_\_   
 c. Watching TV \_\_\_\_\_   
 d. Internet \_\_\_\_\_   
 e. Laundry \_\_\_\_\_
11. Are there any items you would like to display in your new kitchen? \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_
12. Will you use the space for entertaining? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes  No   
 a. How often do you entertain? \_\_\_\_\_  
 b. How many guests do you usually invite? \_\_\_\_\_  
 c. How elaborate or casual are your gatherings? \_\_\_\_\_  
 d. Will you need buffet space? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes  No   
 e. Will you need to hide the food preparation/clean up from guests? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes  No
13. Do you have any specific cooking, prepping, or organizational needs or wants?  
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Please fill out this guide and bring along with any design ideas and clippings you may have when you schedule your first meeting with the kitchen designer. We can't wait to make your space exactly the way you want it to be!



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