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KITCHEN DESIGN GUIDE

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Whether you're designing a new space or remodeling an existing kitchen, a new kitchen is a big undertaking. Fortunately, at European Cabinets & Design Studios, we can help you with every step of the process, from concept right up to cooking your first meal.



In today's homes, the kitchen is not just a place for preparing food; it's a space to bring family and friends together and likely the room in your home where you'll spend the most time. Not only must your kitchen be functional, it should be inviting and elegant, a personal expression that reflects your modern lifestyle.

All you need to get the process started is a photograph and a rough floor plan of your new home or existing kitchen and a few minutes to drop by our showroom!

Kitchen design is more sophisticated than ever using space efficiently and ergonomically, while incorporating the gamut of modern appliances and technologies. But at European Cabinets & Design Studios, we believe it should also be a place you want to spend time in. That's why we work closely with you throughout the process to ensure that your needs and your desires are met.



DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS

We're here to help you through every step of the design process, but there are a few key details that are worth consideration even before you visit our showroom. Use the space provided to make notes.

What type of kitchen do you want? Will the kitchen be a separate space, or part of a great room? If you want to create an open kitchen, is there structural work that may need to take place?

What type of countertop do you want? Quartz? Granite? Travertine? Corian? Or something else?

What type of appliances do you want? Gas cooktop or induction? One oven or two? Are you interested in a speed oven, steam oven, warming drawer, beverage refrigerator, or built-in microwave? How many small, on-counter appliances do you have?

What is it that you like or dislike about your current or previous kitchen? Do you have enough storage? Or too much? Is the layout comfortable and efficient? Can you reach all of the shelves? Do you have space to keep recycling and compost containers?

ARAN CUCINE KITCHEN COLLECTIONS

European Cabinets & Design Studios is the exclusive retailer of Aran Cucine kitchens in Northern California and Florida. These custom-built kitchens showcase Aran Cucine's classic Italian craftsmanship and design. With a wide variety of shapes and colors to choose from, these unique kitchen solutions will draw close families closer and serve as a hub for entertaining friends.

Below, see some of the most popular Aran Cucine collections. Click the pictures to see more on our website.



KITCHEN DESIGN CHECKLIST

While it's not necessary to decide on all of these details before you visit European Cabinets & Design Studios, the following checklist may help you organize the many details involved in creating a kitchen that you'll love for a lifetime.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Sketch the layout of your space (attach) | <input type="checkbox"/> Floor plan (attach) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wall measurements and ceiling height | <input type="checkbox"/> Entertaining requirements |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Corners with odd angles (other than 90°) | <input type="checkbox"/> Type of lighting |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Door size and direction they open | <input type="checkbox"/> Drawers or doors |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Windows, measurements, and location | <input type="checkbox"/> Waste, recycling, and compost |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ceiling height | <input type="checkbox"/> Major appliances |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Island, one or two | <input type="checkbox"/> Small appliances |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prep area | <input type="checkbox"/> Type of cooktop and hood |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dining area and size | <input type="checkbox"/> Type of sink and material |

KITCHEN DESIGN PROCESS

Step 1: Visit our showroom

The first step in the kitchen design process is to visit our 6,000-square-foot showroom. The initial consultation is complimentary and entails no obligation. We'll make you a real Italian cappuccino, and you'll be able to browse our kitchens on display, learn more about our manufacturers, and explore materials, colors, finishes, and services.



Step 2: Budget

Bring a photograph or two and the floor plan of your current kitchen—we don't need the architectural drawings, just a rough sketch with approximate measurements—or the floor plan of your new home's kitchen, and we'll be able to give you a ballpark estimate of what your project will cost. While this is a good faith estimate and may vary depending on what materials or finishes you choose, we find that our initial budget estimates are within an accurate range.

Step 3: Measurements

We will schedule a time to visit your home and complete all the physical measurements necessary—you won't have to take out your tape measure once. Our experts will handle it all.

Step 4: Choosing colors

Once we've got all of the spaces you'd like to renovate or build out measured, you will visit our showroom to select colors, finishes, materials, and other details like handles and hardware.



Step 5: Design phase

Once the space(s) are measured and you've selected the colors, we begin to design your new kitchen. When the design is done, we'll invite you to our showroom to see a 3D rendering and drawings. We'll go over every detail together and make any changes necessary. Then you'll select your appliances and we'll adjust the design to ensure that every element fits perfectly and do any final custom work.

Step 6: Countertop

European Cabinets & Design Studios is unique in that we own our own stone fabrication shop, European Cabinets Stoneworks, which allows easy one-stop shopping for all your kitchen design needs. We will help you choose an appropriate countertop material that will best suit your lifestyle and tastes and the color that will work best with cabinets and overall look of the kitchen. We will provide you with an estimate and our stone fabrication shop will fabricate and install the stone.



Step 7: Ordering

Once the design is completed and approved, we put in the order. It will take approximately 12 – 14 weeks for the cabinets to arrive from Italy. (If you are building a new home or adjusting the floor plan of your home, we suggest starting with the kitchen so that by the time the other work is done, the kitchen will be ready to be installed.)

Step 8: Installation

It is very rare that a third party installs one of our kitchens. Our installation team is highly trained and very knowledgeable, and has extensive experience with our products. Our team will install your new kitchen cabinets, guaranteeing quality and timely installation. We are licensed CA general contractors and insured.

Step 9: Enjoy!

All that's left to do is cook your first meal. Buon appetito!