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## TIPS FOR YOUR KITCHEN REMODEL

### Add a Message Center

Establish a message center near the kitchen & telephone. Put a bulletin board, chalkboard, or whiteboard on the wall, and store a calendar, notebook, and writing utensils in a nearby drawer. Or hide it all in a cabinet!



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GOLD AWARD

### Break Up Cabinetry Blocks

Avoid boring, heavy blocks of doors & drawers by adding interesting details such as glass doors and display shelving. Or try wine storage or windows.



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CRAFTSMAN BUNGALOW  
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2006



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### Find the Right Height for the Microwave

The best height and location for a microwave oven depends on the chef and the degree of kid-friendliness desired in the kitchen. For adults, 15 inches above countertop level is a good microwave height. For kids, a below-countertop setup might be safer and more suitable. Also popular are drawer style microwaves.



### Determine the Island's Function

When it comes to kitchen islands, form follows function. If you want to cook and eat on kitchen islands, plan enough space so the cooktop is safely separated from the dining area.





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### Plan Landing Space

When designing your kitchen, allow 15 inches of countertop on each side of a cooktop and refrigerator. Landing space is also important near the microwave.



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### Consider the Countertops & Sinks

Those who cook frequently require more prep areas than those who cook infrequently or who prepare simple meals. Incorporating a large deep island with a prep sink makes baking easy and accommodates multiple helpers who may be involved in meal preparation.



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### Fill It Up

Tired of lugging water-filled pots from the sink to the cooktop? A swing-out tap -- also called a pot filler -- installed near the cooktop fills pots near where you heat them. Or you can install a specialized pasta cooker which is equally good for steaming vegetables and boiling water.



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TUSCAN  
KITCHEN REMODEL  
2011

### Consider storage

Corner cabinets can be tricky. The old school lazy susan corner cabinet help but still leave a lot of the corner unused. The Lemans cabinet gives you maximum storage in corners plus the ease of the pullout makes getting to your items convenient.



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**Backsplash splash**

Tiles come in an almost infinite number of size, color & material combinations and there is an even greater number of ways of designing a splash for any style and buget. An interior designer is helpful in narrowing your choices and can also suggest combinations you didn't think were possible.

**UPPER ARLINGTON KITCHEN REMODEL  
LEFT- MEDALLION FOCAL POINT ABOVE RANGE  
RIGHT- MOSAIC BACKSPLASH ON WET BAR**



**Seating with storage**

Banquet or bench seating in or adjacent to the kitchen is a great way to add extra storage. For entertaining banquet seating offers flexibility and benches can save space when not in use.



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