

Five Ways to Refresh Your Kitchen



The kitchen is the focal point of the home. No longer limited to a place for meal prep, kitchens are where meals are shared, homework is completed, and time is spent with friends and family. After spending more time at home, you may want to revamp your kitchen for increased enjoyment. You can make minor changes to your kitchen to give the space a renewed look.

Consider the following updates to give your kitchen a refresh:

Redesign Cabinets. If replacing your cabinets isn't in your budget, there are several ways you can elevate your kitchen storage. A new coat of paint can make the difference. This household project is generally completed in three steps: sand, prime and paint. Your local hardware store can offer advice on what type of paint and primer to purchase depending on the material of your cabinets and what kind of finish meets your preferences. Designers say hardware is the kitchen's jewelry, so consider swapping your current drawer pulls and knobs for a new look.

Paint the Walls. Another way to add a pop of color to your kitchen is to paint the walls. You'll want to clean your kitchen walls and/or fill in minor dents or holes before starting the process to ensure the project runs smoothly. You can choose from a variety of paint styles and textures. When selecting paint for your kitchen walls, aside from color choice, you may want to consider durability and how easy it is to clean.

Declutter Your Space. A reorganization of your kitchen can help simplify your space and make it more pleasant to cook and entertain. There is no shortage of storage solutions available, from hidden hooks to creative shelving units. Experts recommend first clearing out and cleaning all your cabinets and drawers. Next, take inventory of what you'll keep, toss, or donate. Then, you can determine where to place all your items or if you need additional storage solutions. You should place the most frequently used items throughout accessible areas in your kitchen.

Replace Your Kitchen Faucet. A simple way to upgrade your kitchen is to replace your faucet, especially if your fixture is older or not working correctly. There are a variety of materials and finishes that you can match with your existing décor. In addition, new kitchen faucets have modern features, such as motion sensors which allow for hands-free water flow.

Upgrade Lighting. Proper illumination in your kitchen can make all the difference in how you maneuver in your space. Experts recommend considering how you utilize your kitchen and focusing on areas that would benefit from extra light. For example, task lighting would be an optimal addition beneath your cabinets if you spend more time prepping food on the counter space. On the other hand, if you spend most of your time at your kitchen island, pendant lights can be an excellent source of both task and ambient lighting.

If you find that your kitchen needs more than a refresh, it's best to hire and work with a professional remodeler. A qualified professional can provide a wealth of experience and integrity and solve any design challenges you may encounter during your kitchen remodel. For a list of professional remodelers in our community, click on [Members](#), then [Member Directory](#) to view our professionals.