

Depending on the scope of your project, the tasks you need to complete will vary. To help you evaluate if it's the right decision to do it yourself, we've provided a high-level list of key activities and recommended tools. While you may be doing it yourself, you don't have to go it alone. If there are specific areas of the project that you are not skilled in, such as plumbing or electric work, you can always opt to hire out that task on its own.

It is also important that you understand building codes and permit requirements for your local area. You will be responsible for filing for permits, adhering to the regulations, and setting inspections as required.

## Recommended Tools for a Simple Kitchen Remodel:

Depending on the scope of your project and condition of your space, additional tools may be needed.

- Table saw with multiple blades
- Miter saw
- Cordless Drill/Screwdriver with various bits, including countersink bits
- Oscillating tool
- Pneumatic nailer
- Hammer
- Level
- T-square
- Steel measuring tape
- Utility knife
- Painters tape
- Ladder

## Pre-Construction Prep:

- Call your local building permit office to understand requirements including the application process and inspection schedule
- Submit an application for the building permit(s)
- Order cabinets, countertops, and other materials needed for the job
- Verify delivery dates for all materials
- Develop a work schedule to keep your project on track

## Demo:

- Order dumpster
- Remove and donate or dispose of old:
  - Appliances
  - Cabinets
  - Sinks/faucets
  - Flooring
  - Light fixtures

## Prep for Cabinet Install:

- Repair or replace subflooring
- Rough in plumbing
- Electrical
- HVAC
- Drywall
- Paint

## Install:

- Flooring
- Lighting
- Cabinets, trim and handles
- Countertop, sink, faucets and plumbing connects – depending on what material you buy and where you purchase, the retailer/supplier may handle templating and installation
- Backsplash
- Appliances – including hooking up electrical, gas and water

## Fine Tune & Clean:

- Touch up walls as needed
- Touch up cabinets as needed
- Adjust and align cabinet doors and drawer fronts
- Wipe everything down, inside and out