

With so many decisions to be made, your renovation can quickly turn from exciting to overwhelming. We're here to help! Our planner was developed to keep you focused and your project on track. Printing this planner allows you to track progress as decisions and updates are made and becomes a handy reference in meetings with your Menards kitchen designer.

Follow the Cardell® Cabinetry Kitchen Project Planner to keep your remodel on track!



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FIND YOUR STYLE

Gather ideas and inspiration—Explore Cardell.com and discover the various ‘Inspiration’ resources we provide to assist in defining the style that is all you. Our [Inspiration Gallery](#) provides examples of various styles, plus we have pulled together [Style Boards](#) that showcase the materials used to bring those kitchens together, from cabinetry selections, to backsplash, paint, flooring, and more.



DETERMINE WHAT'S IN & WHAT'S OUT

Use our “What’s in, What’s Out” tool to identify what you plan to include in your project. Print and share your the results with your designer and contractor.

What's in, What's Out

Considerations

- Appliances
- Cabinets & Countertops
- Layout
- Rest of the room

DIY OR PRO

One of the biggest decisions in a renovation project is whether to do it yourself or hire a professional. There are many factors that go into that decision, including researching, evaluating your skills, or interviewing and hiring a professional. Before you set your budget and meet with a designer, it's best to know if you will be tackling the project yourself or hiring a contractor or professional installer.

I'll do it myself

Do It Yourself Guide

I'm hiring a pro

Ask A Pro Questionnaire



CREATE YOUR BUDGET

Set your overall project budget—If you're not sure where to begin, a common rule of thumb is to multiply the market value of your home by .15%.

Multiply your budget by the following to determine where those dollars should be spent:

CABINETS	\$ _____ x .40 = \$
COUNTERTOP	\$ _____ x .13 = \$
APPLIANCES	\$ _____ x .12 = \$
FAUCETS, SINKS AND PLUMBING	\$ _____ x .04 = \$
FLOORING	\$ _____ x .04 = \$
LIGHTING AND ELECTRICAL	\$ _____ x .04 = \$
WALL TREATMENT AND TRIM	\$ _____ x .03 = \$
LABOR AND CONTINGENCY (Unexpected Expenses)	\$ _____ x .20 = \$

MEASURE YOUR SPACE

Make a sketch of your current space—

Obtaining measurements of your existing space is a relatively simple task, but a very important one. Accurate measuring is a first step to get your renovation on the right track.

Be sure to take pictures of your current kitchen and be prepared to share those at your first meeting. Seeing your current space allows the designer to identify problem areas and to offer up solutions.

MEASURING 101

Watch our measuring video and download our measuring worksheet including graph paper.



Measure Checklist



DESIGN

MEET WITH A DESIGNER

Get your Free kitchen design—Stop in your local Menards® to meet with a kitchen designer. It's Free and no appointment is needed.

Your Designer: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Store Address: _____

EXPLORE DOOR STYLE & COLORS

For the overall look of your kitchen, door style and finish are the two biggest decisions you'll have to make. This could seem overwhelming but it doesn't have to be. Explore door styles at your Menards or by going to Cardell.com.

PICTURE IT

See your favorite door style in different wood and finish combinations.



1st Door Style/Species/Finish _____

2nd Door Style/Species/Finish _____

EXPLORE STORAGE SOLUTIONS

At its core, your kitchen is a workspace where both the family meals and the family plans are made. As you begin to browse through our storage solutions, take note of which options may help simplify your day-to-day routine.

PICTURE IT

See our full line of storage solutions in action.



MAKE DESIGN DECISIONS

- It's time to start narrowing down your choices!
- Order door samples and finish samples on Menards.com of the material and finish options you're considering.
- Begin to make decisions on appliances— As you finalize decisions, fill out your selections at the end of this planner.
- Stay in communication with your team member to inform them of decisions as you make them. This will allow them to incorporate those decisions into your design.

[Order Finish Samples](#)

AND NOW—IT'S TIME FOR A GLIMPSE OF WHAT'S TO COME!

Meet your team member to see the first draft of your design.

Discuss any design tweaks or adjustments you'd like to make.

Arrive at final decisions for any remaining material selections, and note them at the end of this planner.



ORDER

ORDER CABINETS AND MATERIALS

- Place your order for cabinetry and countertops with your team member (start with these—they can take the longest to build).
- Order or purchase the remaining materials in your checklist. Your designer can help with advice on when to order these items.
- Confirm project details with your installer—including measurements and design details.
- Apply for any necessary permits.
- Coordinate your delivery time with Cardell Guest Services. Click to see what you can expect with our delivery process.

[Delivery Process](#)

PREPARE FOR DELIVERY

- Set up your temporary kitchen, and prepare freezer meals ahead of time if possible.

[Tips for a Temporary Kitchen](#)

- Don't forget to take "Before" photos of your kitchen—this is going to make a great photo album!
- Prepare a space for delivery of your cabinets and other materials. (TIP: Boxed cabinets take up more space than you think. Make sure to clear a space that is temperature controlled, dry, covered, and secure for your cabinetry to be stored until you are ready for install.)
- Start saving boxes and empty out your kitchen. (TIP: This is a great time to do a "kitchen cleanse," and throw away or donate any items you don't really use. When it's time to move back into your new kitchen, you'll be glad you did this!)
- Reserve a dumpster for demolition materials. (TIP: Ask your contractor/installer—they might make these arrangements for you)
- When cabinets (and other materials) deliver, inspect them for any shipping damage. Notify your team member right away if you see any concerns.



DEMO AND INSTALL

OUT WITH THE OLD, IN WITH THE NEW

Demo, Electrical, Plumbing, & HVAC

It's time to take out the old kitchen and make any necessary changes for your new one.

Install Cabinets, Countertops, and finishing touches.

Expect surprises throughout installation.

[Installation Guide](#)

Don't lose track of this checklist during the demolition & construction phase—there are a few things you'll still need to do when installation is complete!

Conduct a walk-through with your installer, noting any items that need attention (a minor scratch, an overlooked piece of hardware, etc.). Schedule a time for their crew to come back and tie up any of these loose ends.

Schedule any required inspections with local building code enforcement authorities.

FINE TUNE FOR USE

Ready Your Kitchen for Use Your cabinets are installed and your project is almost done! At this time, we encourage you to give your cabinets the proverbial once over and a quick cleaning before you start using your kitchen. To help, we've developed a video that walks you through the cleaning and care process.

Care & Cleaning

Keep your investment looking its best!

Register for any warranties and save all purchase receipts, warranties, and other paperwork in a safe spot where they won't be lost.

[Warranty Registration](#)

CARE &
CLEANING
TIPS



CELEBRATE & ENJOY YOUR NEW KITCHEN!

Take "After" pictures, and share your kitchen renovation story. Tag us on Facebook and Instagram—we'd love to see your beautiful new space!



Enjoy your first meal, schedule a party with friends and family, and pat yourself on the back as you enjoy your new kitchen!

TRACK YOUR DECISIONS

There are a lot of decisions to be made! Each design decision can be tracked here for quick reference. (TIP: If an item is not applicable to your project, just “X” it out so you can see that no action or decision is needed.)

CABINETS AND COUNTERTOPS

Upper Cabinets (Perimeter)	Door Style:	Wood Species:	Finish:	Order Number:
Lower Cabinets (Perimeter)	Door Style:	Wood Species:	Finish:	Order Number:
Cabinets (Island)	Door Style:	Wood Species:	Finish:	Order Number:
Cabinet Hardware (for Doors)	Style Name:	Finish:	Finish:	Order Number:
Cabinet Hardware (for Drawers)	Style Name:	Finish:		Order Number:
Countertops (Perimeter)	Material:	Color:	Edge Profile:	Order Number:
Countertops (Island)	Material:	Color:	Edge Profile:	Order Number:
Backsplash	Material:	Color:		Order Number:

APPLIANCES AND FIXTURES

Appliance	Brand	Model Name	Model Number	Color/Finish	Order Number
Refrigerator					
Freezer (stand-alone)					
Range					
Cooktop					
Exhaust Hood					
Wall Oven					
Microwave					
Warming Drawer					
Disposal					
Dishwasher					
Sink (primary)					
Faucet (primary)					
Sink (secondary)					
Faucet (secondary)					
Pot Filler					
Wine Cooler					
Other					
Other					

FLOORING

Flooring Brand:	Material:	Color Name:	Color Code:
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PAINTS

Primary Wall Color	Paint Brand:	Color Name:	Color Code:
Accent Wall Color	Paint Brand:	Color Name:	Color Code:
Trim/Molding Color	Paint/Stain Brand:	Color Name:	Color Code:

LIGHTING / CEILING FANS

	Fixture type (hanging, sconce, recessed, fan)	Quantity	Brand	Model Name/ Number	Finish
Fixture Style 1					
Fixture Style 2					
Fixture Style 3					
Under Cabinet					
Above Cabinet					
In Cabinet					

OTHER MATERIALS / NOTES