



Tips and Tricks for a Temporary Kitchen

CHOOSE A SPACE.

A workbench in the garage. A corner of your dining room. Wherever you choose to set up your temporary kitchen should be somewhere well ventilated with plenty of electrical outlets. Make sure it's a space where you can easily spend time and you won't mind leaving a microwave sitting around for a while.

FIND OTHER WAYS TO COOK.

Use the microwave, crock pot, or that panini press you haven't used in years. Grill like crazy.

WHERE'S YOUR REFRIGERATOR?

Your fridge should be moved to an area in your home that has the right electrical requirements and is easy to access. But make sure to avoid putting it on carpet or flooring that could be damaged in case of a leak.

PLAN FOR HAVING NO SINK.

Stocking up on paper plates and glasses can save you a lot of headache. This part of the project is like camping in your house.

STOCK UP ON NON-PERISHABLE GROCERIES.

You know the ones—unwrap, microwave, serve and enjoy. If you recycle, stage bins in the basement or garage to hold all the paper, plastic and cardboard packaging from your dry goods.

SET ASIDE ESSENTIAL COOKING ITEMS.

Most of your kitchen will end up in boxes. Make sure you set aside the utensils you're going to need, like a can opener and measuring spoons—rummaging through boxes is not ideal when you're elbow deep in dinner prep.

BUDGET TO EAT OUT, IF POSSIBLE.

Some days you just won't be able to handle another meal from the microwave. If you plan ahead and stick to a budget, it's good to get out now and then.

BE SAFE.

Make sure all portable appliances are plugged into surge protectors, and are unplugged when you're not using them. Double check smoke alarms installed near the cooking area.

PREPARE FOR THE UNEXPECTED.

Delays can happen when work is interrupted or unexpected repairs are needed. Plan a couple extra days into your timeline when you're setting up your temp kitchen.

HANG IN THERE.

We understand that everything may feel scattered around your home, but remember it's only temporary. The end result will be well worth the wait.