

Atkinson's Innovative Interiors

Kitchens Checklist

Use this checklist as a starting point for discussion with your kitchen designer.

Why do you need a new kitchen?

- Are you planning on reselling the property?
- Have your needs for the kitchen expanded or reduced?
- Or do you simply want to update the space?

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What do you like about your current kitchen?

- Is there sufficient storage?
- Does the layout work well?
- Is there enough space for all your appliances?
- Does the colour scheme and style suit the property?

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What do you dislike about your current kitchen?

- Is there enough room between cupboards to easily move around, even with more than one person in the space?
- Are any cupboards difficult to access?
- Do the finishes on the cupboards and benchtops look dated?
- Does the colour scheme and style suit the property?

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What is your preference for the 'look' and 'feel' of your new kitchen?

- Do you want to create a warm, inviting place?
- Do you want your kitchen to be the hub of activity in the house?
- Do you want a neutral, minimalist kitchen?
- Do you want a vibrantly exotic kitchen, full of colour?

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What are your storage needs?

- Do you prefer a pantry, rather than cupboards, to store food?

- Do you have a lot of crockery? Pots and pans? Glassware? Kitchen appliances that need to be hidden away?
- If you're in an apartment, does your kitchen need to double as the laundry? Do you need space to store a washing machine, dryer, towels and linen?
- Do you have any special items to be stored or displayed in the new kitchen?
- Would you like to store or display wine bottles?
- Do you have cookbooks you'd like to display on a shelf in the kitchen?
- Do you want a spice cupboard, spice rack or open shelf for easy access?
- Do you have particular crockery or stemware that you'd like displayed in the kitchen? Or rails to hold your wine and champagne glasses upside-down?
- How would you like to store your chopping boards? Tea towels? General rubbish and recycling bins?
- What fixed and portable kitchen appliances do you have, or will have? And, how often will you use them?
- Fixed appliances include: refrigerator, freezer, sink, waste disposal unit, cooktop, stove, rangehood, dishwasher, microwave
- Portable appliances include: espresso machine, toaster, jug, sandwich press, bread-maker, rice cooker, blender, food processor, wok, ice-cream machine etc

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Apart from cooking, what other activities will occur in the kitchen?

- Will the kitchen double as an informal dining space?
- What materials do you prefer?
- On the cupboards and drawers?
- On the benchtops?
- On the splashback?
- On the floor?

Comments: _____

Is sustainability important to you?

Comments: _____
