

Kitchen Remodel Checklist 2025

- Define your goals: resale, forever home, or update
- Set a realistic timeline and include a 15% contingency in your budget
- Evaluate your kitchen layout with a focus on workflow zones
- Upgrade electrical and plumbing per NEC 2025 and GFCI compliance
- Choose smart, ergonomic, and sustainable cabinetry and storage
- Select countertops like quartz or porcelain for durability and hygiene
- Install flooring that balances durability with safety (LVP, tile, etc.)
- Plan layered lighting: ambient, task, and accent
- Choose energy-efficient, smart appliances (Energy Star rated)
- Go for slab or minimal grout backsplashes; avoid small tiles
- Ensure effective ventilation (100 CFM per 10K BTUs, under 6 soles)
- Avoid outdated design trends like ornate cabinetry and pot racks
- Plan for tech & sustainability: smart controls, low-VOC materials
- Walkthrough checklist: verify layout, clearances, contractor timelines