



Your Dream Kitchen

PRO-TIPS FOR PLANNING YOUR NEW KITCHEN FLOORS

Your house is a significant investment. It's your home's focal point and common gathering place.

Kitchens are where you make memories, keep your family safe, and spend a lot of your time.

That's why it can be intimidating to start a kitchen flooring home improvement project, where the stakes are high, lots of factors are at play, and there's potentially so much that can go wrong during the upgrade process.

Whether you're taking the room down to its bare bones and starting over entirely or just looking to give the space a minor facelift by upgrading the floors, we've got you covered.

Use this kitchen flooring planning resource as your guide when making decisions along the way to make you get what you want when you remodel.



Select the right kind of new kitchen flooring by doing research based on your lifestyle and project needs.

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1. Brainstorm & Budget

Narrow down your options and discover where to go for ideas.

Cabinetry, appliances, light fixtures—the list of all the types of things you have to make decisions about when planning your home’s dream kitchen can seem never-ending, but tasks like picking your kitchen flooring to go a little easier when you begin with planning.

Choose the Best Flooring for Your Kitchen

Your new kitchen flooring will have to work on so many levels to be harmonious with all of your other remodeling decisions and make the best use of the floorplan.

From luxury vinyl and hardwood to porcelain and ceramic tile, there are so many materials at every price point available in a wide range of colors, textures, and maintenance requirements available today. Increase your long-term satisfaction by doing a little soul-searching and research upfront to research to find the ideal kitchen flooring option to meet your needs.

Are you a wannabe foodie who is always using the kitchen to try out new recipes who—every now and then—drops utensil (or full platter!) on the floor? If that’s the case, you likely want durable, hard-working flooring that can stand up to those unintentional messy cooking mishaps that happen occasionally.

Are you the ultimate host who likes to use their kitchen to entertain guests? If this sounds familiar, you might want to pick a stylish flooring material that will keep looking exquisite for years to come.

Are you passionate about the environment or have a family member with allergies? You might want to explore choosing an eco-friendly or recycled flooring material that has a small carbon footprint and that you can feel good about putting into your kitchen.



Are your spouse, kids, and pets always congregating in your kitchen? Is it the most popular room to hang out in your home? If so, you probably need kitchen flooring that's comfortable, safe, and easy to keep looking clean despite all the foot traffic.

After you have taken your lifestyle needs into consideration, you may also want to think about your preferred design style (and related factors like color, texture, and finish), warranty needs, and favorite design trends.

Continue your initial research process and learn what you like (and don't like) by answering other crucial big-picture questions, including:

- Why are you remodeling your kitchen floors?
- What is the primary way you use your kitchen?
- What are the best qualities of your current kitchen flooring?
- What things about your existing kitchen floors frustrate you?
- What are the key things you need from your new flooring?

Information is power. Get up to speed quickly on the latest flooring product innovations and trends by meeting with a kitchen flooring design consultant for an hour.

They can give you new ideas, save you time, and help you get the know-how you'll need to make the smartest decision on your purchase.

Popular Must-Haves for Kitchen Floors

Unsure where to go to get inspiration for your kitchen flooring renovation project?

Easy-to-maintain: How often do you want to clean your new kitchen floors? If you're like most homeowners, you're probably not interested in spending most of your spare time working to keep your kitchen floors clean. Simple spills shouldn't be tricky to clean-up.


Beautiful: Whether you're hunting for material with a sophisticated, contemporary look or a kind of kitchen floors that has rustic farmhouse character, it's always a good idea to choose elegant kitchen flooring that's designed to look as attractive in five years as it does the day it is installed.

Durable: Kitchen flooring options that are made to last are usually also excellent at resisting damage, like dings, dents, stains, and scratches. Choosing an option that's tough enough to guard against moisture and daily wear and tear is the key to getting floors you can love for a lifetime.

Where to Go to Find Kitchen Flooring Ideas

Are you not quite sure where to go to get inspiration for your kitchen flooring renovation project?

If you're starting to do some planning and want to use the web, start with social networks like Pinterest and Houzz to browse before-and-after project photos and other flooring resources. These websites are popular for a reason: they provide a free archive of seemingly endless pictures that you can save for easy reference in the future!



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2. Pick a Flooring Company

Find the right professionals to work with.

You'll no doubt pick-up a lot of basics as part of your initial research process, but that's nothing compared to what the personal touch you'll get every step of the way when you partner with hands-on experts at a local flooring company on your renovation project. Big box stores and flooring franchises just can't compete.

Figuring Out Who You Can Trust

Ultimately, the flooring company that you decide to hire to help you will make or break your project, underpinning how happy you'll be with your kitchen floors in the long run.

When you're vetting different flooring companies, don't hesitate to ask your neighbors, friends, and family for advice on which companies they've worked with to replace the flooring in their kitchens and other rooms.

Start your hunt for a top-pick by looking for a top-rated local firm that specializes in flooring, has longevity, and offers the best variety of flooring products. A flooring company with a track record for successfully completing thousands of projects proves they're trusted by the community.

*Do your homework
and choose carefully
because not all
flooring companies
are created equally.*



Flooring Design Expertise

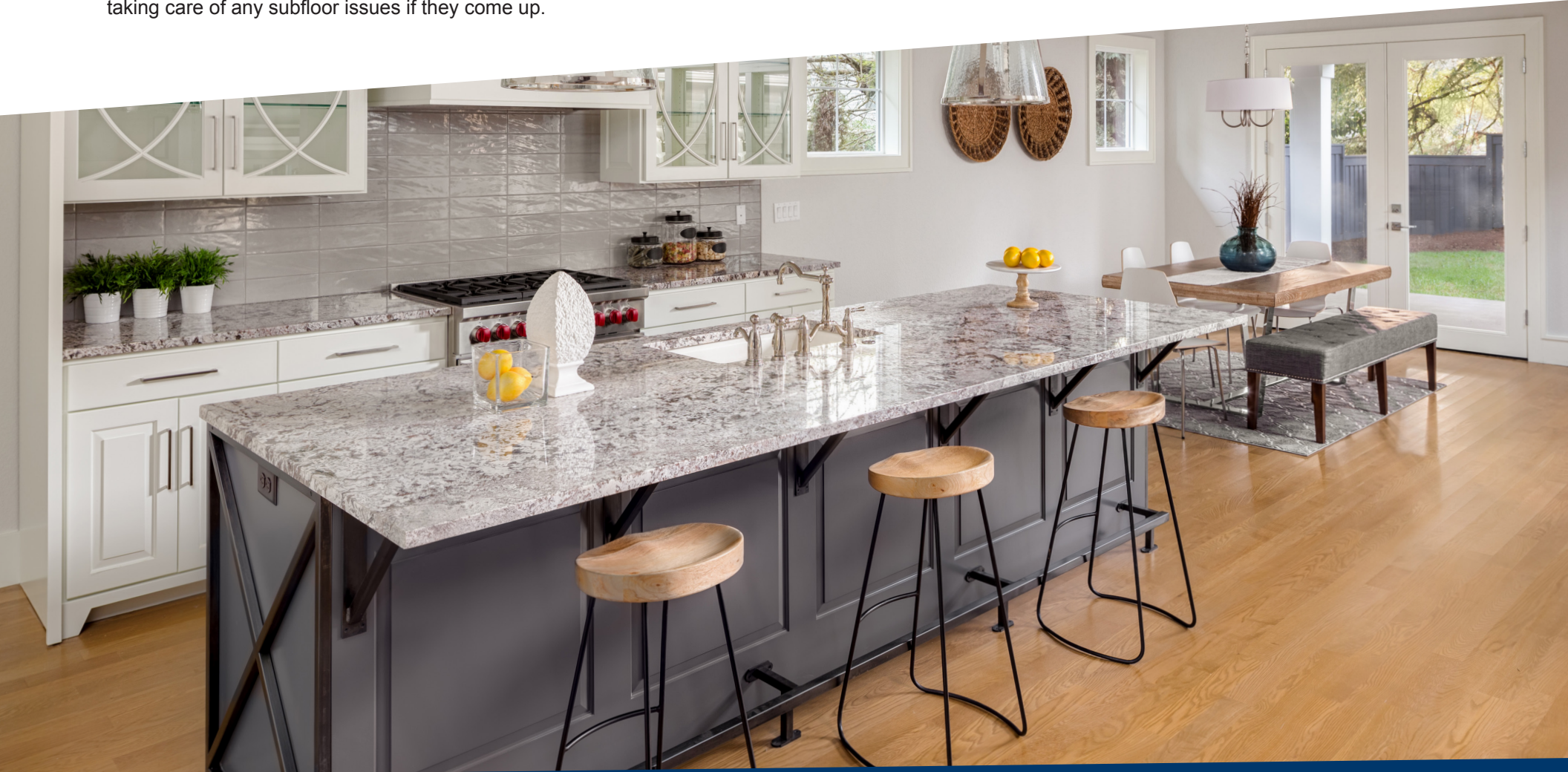
You'll also want to choose a company that has knowledgeable designers. Look for someone you can rely on to bring together all the pieces and make sure you get everything that you want from your new kitchen floors.

The best flooring design consultants are easy to work with good listeners who are also creative. They won't pressure you to make a purchase on the spot, will help you get an accurate flooring measure and estimate, will pay attention to all the details of your project, and help guide you through taking care of any subfloor issues if they come up.

Installation Experience

Remember to check to see if the local flooring company you want to work with offers professional installation by contractors who are insured and certified. If you skip this step, you might end up dealing with costly, time-consuming problems in the future.

Don't trust your kitchen flooring installation to contractors without the right certifications or who don't have proper insurance.



3. Learn What to Expect During Installation

Getting your kitchen ready for the installation of new flooring.

Once you've chosen a flooring product for your kitchen renovation, it's time to start thinking about installation. Your flooring design consultant will arrange for your installer to come out to your house and get an accurate measure of your kitchen's dimensions to place an order.

This is an especially critical step for larger rooms and ones that are irregularly-sized. While the installer is there, they can also help identify and resolve any potential problems that might need to be taken care of before the actual installation process begins.

Subfloors preparation

Your kitchen's old floors have to be removed and disposed of before your new flooring material can be installed. This can be a messy and slow process. Your subfloor needs to be clean, level, and able to support the weight of your new flooring. It also needs to have an underlayment.

As part of your preparation process, you should also use a sample of your new flooring material to check doorjamb for adequate clearance and consider how you want to connect your new flooring material with the existing flooring in connected rooms.

Installation

After the manufacturer has delivered your flooring material order and your subfloor is prepped and ready to go, it's time to installation. The type of flooring material you pick for your kitchen will determine what happens during the actual actual installation process.

Learn more about what to expect if you are installing:

[Carpet »](#)

[Hardwood »](#)

[Tile »](#)

[Resilient »](#)

The fun part starts after the installation process is complete: you get to enjoy your new kitchen floors!



Enjoy Your New Kitchen Floors

After your flooring is installed, your contractor will provide you with all the know-how you'll need to take care of your investment—no matter which material you decide to go with—and extend the life of your new beautiful flooring.

Ready to Shop for New Kitchen Floors?

When you're ready to talk to an experienced professional about your project, we can help you take the guesswork out of picking the best new floors for your kitchen.

If you have more questions about choosing and installing new flooring as part of your kitchen remodeling project, let's talk. No obligation!

Consult an experienced flooring designer

Kermans is Indianapolis' oldest and most trusted local flooring company. Our experienced experts will make sure your new kitchen's floors not only match your preferred style but also meets your day-to-day durability and maintenance needs.

Our team is here to help you learn how new flooring can transform that room you've been wanting to update. We're open weekdays and Saturday. Stop by anytime to browse and get your questions answered.

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