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### Where to spend money on your kitchen renovation

#### Appliances

Be practical and choose appliances that are energy efficient and have a warranty. Be careful to consider your cabinets. If you choose appliances first without considering cabinets, countertops and other features, you may back yourself into a floor plan you never intended without the funds to finish as well as you may have liked. Be aware of how you are spending your appliance budget. A refrigerator may need to be replaced in 15 years, but a cooktop will last longer, so put your budget there. If you're a busy family, be sure to spend on a quality dishwasher that suits your lifestyle and makes you want to spend time in the kitchen.

#### Countertops

Your countertops might be the statement piece of your kitchen. Be aware though that not all buyers will want vibrant green marble on their benchtops, so go for a safer option if re-sale is on the books. If your budget won't allow for stone countertops right now, choose a cheaper option that will stand in for now and make the upgrade when your budget allows.

#### Cabinetry

Taking up the most visual space in your kitchen are your cabinets. Before you plan the new kitchen design, think about how your kitchen functions now. What is it about your kitchen that frustrates you? Do you wish you had more drawers? A proper pantry? Take all the answers to those questions and work out the best design for how you will use it. Adding extras in like drawer inserts and waste centres can be useful, but if you end up with a cupboard where a drawer would be better, you'll regret it later.

#### Hardware

Replacing the hardware on your existing cabinetry can be the easiest kitchen renovation ever. You can spend anywhere from a few dollars to over \$100 per

pull or knob if you really wanted to. If you want to save on installation, find new knobs and pulls that match the holes of the old ones. You can't undo a new hole in your cabinet. Look for the latest metal finishes for kitchens and pick the one you like the most. Don't worry if your tapware is different, a little variety makes things interesting.

## Tiles

The size and pattern of your tiles is a huge contributor to the overall cost. Choosing tiles that are simple lay and cut tiles for your kitchen is the easiest way to save. If you want a pretty design on the floor or backsplash, think about using that tile in a way that features that tile, but won't kill the budget.

## Timeless Style

Choosing elements for your kitchen that will remain timeless will give you the confidence to move forward with your kitchen renovation. When you look around in 10 years, your kitchen will have withstood the march of time and you will still be proud of the work you've done.

**Contact us at All Hands On Property Group on 9829 8877 for more design ideas and the perfect plan for your kitchen renovation!**

