

Kitchen Design, Cabinets, Countertops and Flooring

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CONDO CHALLENGE:

The biggest challenges in a condo kitchen remodel are layout constraints, storage, and electrical wiring, says Randall Omoto of Homeowners Design Center. “A lot of times, condos have drop-in ranges that are hard-wired, so if you want to move a range, it requires capping that off, then running electrical to the new space.” Some condos don’t allow trenching to propagate electrical power on an island.



CONDO SOLUTION:

In a condo kitchen remodel, configuring an ideal layout that accommodates your storage needs and electrical issues is critical to optimizing space. Kitchen design should speak to the overall flow of the unit with flooring, cabinetry and countertops in consistent finishes and materials throughout. For condo owners who prefer variety, Omoto says cabinet styles can be flexible and countertops can be mixed-and-matched as well. Flooring is best kept simple, he notes.

Top 3 Tips for Condo Design:

1. Preview project renderings before you begin. “The most important step is seeing as many options in a space as possible,” says Omoto. Work with an experienced team that can produce digital examples of varying layouts and designs.
2. Consider delivery. When it comes to custom design, delivery can hinder installation if pieces cannot fit through doorways, hallways and elevators. Carefully plan delivery options for tall pieces and corner units.
3. Identify specific storage needs. Everyone stores belongings differently — understanding your primary kitchen needs for items such as pans, Tupperware and appliances will help you design more efficiently.

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