



FREE KITCHEN PLANNING GUIDE

Plan Your Custom Cabinet Project With Confidence

A practical worksheet from Ott's Custom Cabinets for homeowners planning a kitchen, pantry, built-in, vanity, or whole-home cabinetry project. Use it before your first consultation so the big decisions feel less like a sawdust tornado.

What to bring	Why it helps
Room measurements or plans	Lets us understand size, walls, appliance locations, and design opportunities.
Inspiration photos	Shows the style, colors, door profiles, and storage features you like.
Appliance model numbers	Critical for cabinet openings, panels, hood design, and clearances.
Timeline goals	Helps align design, build, finishing, and installation expectations.

1. Start With How You Live

- How many people cook at once?
- Do you host often or need lake-weekend storage?
- What appliances stay on the counter?
- Where do groceries, small appliances, trash, spices, trays, and pans need to live?
- What frustrates you about the current kitchen?

2. Measure the Basics

- Overall wall lengths
- Ceiling height
- Window and door sizes and distance from corners
- Plumbing, gas, vent, and electrical locations
- Appliance widths and model numbers if available

3. Choose Your Cabinet Direction

- Painted, stained, natural wood, or two-tone
- Door style: shaker, bevel shaker, raised panel, slab, or custom
- Wood species: white oak, walnut, maple, hickory, alder, cherry, or paint grade
- Hardware finish: black, brass, nickel, bronze, or mixed metals
- Specialty items: hood, pantry wall, appliance garage, pull-outs, trash pull-out, spice storage

4. Budget & Timeline Notes

- Custom cabinetry is built for the exact space, not pulled from a warehouse.
- Final price depends on room size, wood species, finish, door style, hardware, accessories, installation needs, and project complexity.
- A realistic timeline should allow for design, approval, ordering specialty items, building, finishing, and installation.
- Good planning reduces change orders. Measure twice, build once. Your future self will high-five you.

5. Consultation Checklist

- Photos of the current room from every corner
- Any architectural plans or builder drawings
- Inspiration photos saved in one folder
- Appliance model numbers
- Countertop direction if selected
- Desired start date or move-in date
- Questions you want answered before approving the project

Project Notes Worksheet

Room / Area	Notes
Kitchen	
Island	
Pantry	
Bathroom / Vanity	
Built-ins / Fireplace	
Trim / Stairs / Other	

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