



- **Expect the Unexpected**

DIY TV makes it look so easy, but in fact it is far from easy. Ask your designer questions to help you throughout your project. Having a plan and scheduling your contractors is the key to a successful remodel. Cord's Cabinetry will strive to make your install as easy as possible. Remember that this is construction and mishaps can happen even with a well thought out plan.

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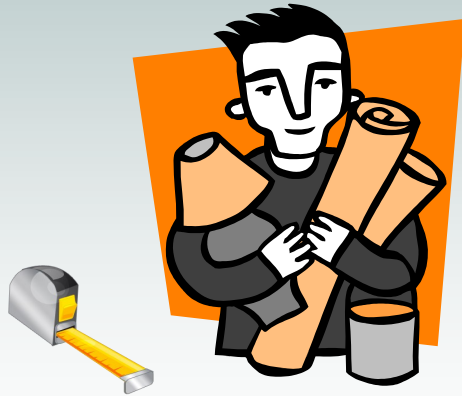
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- **When to hire a contractor**

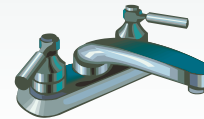
When starting your remodel, we always suggest you have a schedule of all contractors involved in your project. This planning will make your project flow more smoothly and assure that the contractors are not working in each other's area at the same time. Most homeowners can run their own kitchen remodel. A licensed/bonded/insured contractor should be considered when removing walls, soffits or changing the footprint of your kitchen, including electrical, plumbing and flooring. The contractor also helps with scheduling and can be there if you are unable. Always check references for your licensed contractor to make sure he is familiar with kitchen remodels.

- **Electrical**



Are you changing the location of your appliances? Are you adding new overhead or under cabinet lighting or adding new appliances? If so, all the electric should be done prior to your cabinet install. A licensed contractor can also help you with making sure your appliances are wired correctly. All appliances that are hard wired should be disconnected prior to Cord's Cabinetry arriving.

- **Plumbing**



Is it time to replace your old plumbing fixtures? Is your plumbing going to stay where it is or does it need to be moved? Is your plumbing up to date with your new sink and appliances? All plumbing should be disconnected or moved to new location prior to Cord's Cabinetry arriving.

- **Painting**



Cord's Cabinetry recommends that all painting be done prior to your cabinet install. It is much easier to paint first instead of painting around the cabinets and the trim. Our installers are very cautious but normal touch up is usually expected after the install.

- **Flooring**

Cord's Cabinetry recommends new flooring be installed prior to the cabinet installation. If you are installing a floating floor, we will shim up the cabinets to accommodate your floor if needed. Installing your floor before the cabinets will minimize the chance of damaging your new cabinets. This will also reduce labor and multiple cuts around your cabinets and appliances. Cord's Cabinetry installers will cover flooring when they arrive and are extremely careful with the flooring. When designing your new cabinetry floor plan with an existing floor, it is not always possible to have all gaps covered.



- **Appliances**

Appliances can be very expensive and can be difficult to install. We recommend having your contractor help you with the process. Your appliance supplier may also offer this service for a small fee. It is essential to the design process for your Cord's designer to know the exact appliances (make and model) you will be using in your new kitchen.