

# The Ultimate Guide TO A KITCHEN REMODEL



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# Abstract

A kitchen remodel in Melbourne is a popular way to enhance both functionality and aesthetic appeal, creating a space tailored to modern living. Melbourne homeowners often seek designs that blend contemporary style with practical layouts, focusing on open-plan concepts, high-quality cabinetry, energy-efficient appliances, and durable countertops. Key trends include minimalist designs, natural materials, and smart storage solutions to maximize space. Whether it's updating an outdated kitchen or fully redesigning the layout, a kitchen remodel can significantly increase property value and elevate daily convenience. Local contractors in Melbourne provide expert guidance, ensuring the renovation meets both lifestyle needs and budget.

## 1. Introduction

This PDF is your comprehensive roadmap to transforming one of the most essential spaces in your home. A kitchen remodel in Melbourne offers the opportunity to improve functionality, modernize design, and boost property value, all while creating a space tailored to your lifestyle. This guide covers everything you need to know, from initial planning and budgeting to selecting materials, layout options, and the latest design trends. Whether you're aiming for a full-scale renovation or a few stylish upgrades in Melbourne, this guide provides expert tips and insights to help you make informed decisions for a successful kitchen transformation.

## 2. Everything to Know Before Starting a Kitchen Remodel

Many of us see examples of our dream kitchen remodels all the time—whether that's on an HGTV show, in the background of an influencer's videos, or even inside the home of a close friend or relative. It's an entirely different thing, however, to own a home and have the ability to make your dream kitchen a reality.

If you're at that point now, that's an exciting place to be, but it can quickly become overwhelming as well. Undergoing a kitchen remodel is a big undertaking, with a number of important factors to consider, including timeline, budget, functionality, and design. We talked to design pros to gain some crucial insight about kitchen remodels.

### **Should You Remodel Your Kitchen or Just Refresh It?**

Because kitchen remodels in Melbourne can require so much time, energy, and money, you'll want to make sure it's all worth it before you move forward.

### **Benefits of Remodeling**

"A full remodel is worth it if the kitchen isn't functional for your needs, whether for your cooking or baking needs or storage needs," says Christine Lin, founder of San Francisco-based Form + Field. "Fulfilling these functional needs often requires a full overhaul of the kitchen and its layout."

Before committing to a full kitchen remodel, home expert David Steckel says it can be beneficial to work with an interior designer who can give you ideas on how to make the most of your existing space.

or a general contractor who can help you figure out what in your space can be repurposed or refreshed. (For example, are your cabinets solid wood, and can they be sanded and re-stained or painted?)



### **Benefits of Refreshing**

On the other hand, here's when you should rethink the remodel in Melbourne: "If the kitchen is functional for you but the aesthetic choices don't bring you joy, then it might be worth considering painting the cabinets or replacing items like the hardware, backsplash, countertops, or lighting fixtures. Simple changes like that can make a big difference," Lin says.

### **How Much Does It Cost to Remodel a Kitchen?**

The cost of a kitchen remodel in Melbourne depends on a lot of variables—from the size of your kitchen to the materials and appliances you source and even the city where you live. The average cost to remodel is about \$25,000.

However, that number can be significantly lower if you're working with a small kitchen, choose budget-friendly materials, and DIY most of the renovation. Conversely, it can be significantly higher if you have a larger space, opt for top-of-the-line appliances, and hire everything out. That's why creating a budget and factoring in every possible cost for a kitchen remodel is so important.

### **How to Budget for a Kitchen Remodel**

You don't want to end up standing in the middle of a half-complete kitchen with the realization that you ran out of money. That's why it's important to make sure your budget is as comprehensive as possible before you get started. "It's easy to miss things like hardware or the sink in your budget and only include the bigger ticket items," Lin says.

## **Do Your Research**

Both Lin and Steckel also emphasize the importance of doing your research. Not only will you need to get and compare quotes for construction labor, but you should also be ready beforehand with clear examples of exactly what you're looking for. "The type of tile, cabinetry, plumbing needs, etc., all factor into the labor costs, and contractors estimate the best when they have a fleshed-out design to reference," she says.

## **Consider Your Home's Layout**

Another important consideration: How will the renovation impact your home's layout? If any walls need to come down or new flooring needs to be added, that can drastically impact your project costs and timeline. "A full kitchen renovation is almost never less than \$20,000 and can easily evolve into a \$200,000 project based on the level of work required, the finishes you're looking for, and more," Steckel says.

## **Design Tips for a Kitchen Remodel**

As much as your remodel may be inspired by images of your dream kitchen, Lin says it's important to keep functionality front of mind. "I always advise to really think through what specific storage needs you have, what type of cooking you like to do and how, and what features would create the smoothest flow for your lifestyle," she says.

"All of these things are very personal and family-specific, and it's not one-size-fits-all. For example, if you often need to access a step stool or ladder to reach high up cabinets, then incorporate a feature like a toe-kick drawer or a tall, narrow cabinet to fit the ladder."

Here are some of the functional design tips Lin recommends for a kitchen remodel:

Place dishes and glasses storage near the dishwasher.

Place the trash and dishwasher near the sink.

Include enough prep space between the range and the fridge.

Place pantry storage next to the fridge.

Include enough workspace on both sides of the range.

Include pullout storage behind base cabinet doors.

Include tall, narrow storage for cookie sheets and cooling racks.

Strategically place lighting so that it lights up your work surfaces.

While the functionality aspect will affect the ease of your daily routine, it's also important that your new kitchen aesthetic matches your vision. If you're not exactly sure what your style is, working with an interior designer can help you sort your ideas into a cohesive, practical design.

## **More Considerations Before Undergoing a Kitchen Remodel**

If you've got your heart set on a kitchen remodel, don't let this advice scare you away. Instead, use these considerations to empower you to go into your renovations with as much knowledge and control over the outcome as possible.

### 3. What Does the Average 12x12 Kitchen Remodel Cost? A Complete Guide



Kitchens need to be functional but appliances can break down, cabinetry can sag, and doors or hardware may even come off entirely. While quick fixes can help for a time, you may want to consider planning and budgeting for a full kitchen remodel. The average 12x12 kitchen remodel ranges from about \$14,598 to \$41,495. However, the price can vary depending on the project scope.<sup>1</sup>

Learn more about the factors that may impact the average kitchen remodel cost and how to budget for one.

#### **Kitchen Remodel Cost by Item**

A kitchen remodel involves replacing and upgrading items like cabinets, appliances, flooring, and more—see costs below:<sup>1</sup>

Appliances will cost between \$100 to \$5,000 and account for about 5% of the budget.

Backsplash installations are only about 4% of the total budget, but this still works out to about \$500 to \$1,700.

Countertops are one of the more costly parts of a kitchen remodel. Expect to spend 14% of the project budget, or about \$1,870 to \$4,400, or more for countertop installation.

Faucets and plumbing can take up 2% of the budget, or about \$210 to \$2,000 toward faucets and plumbing installation.

Flooring is often changed during a kitchen remodel. Replacing the flooring takes up 18% of the budget, costing between \$1,000 to \$4,000, or more depending on the material.

Kitchen cabinets typically take up about 41% of the budget, costing \$2,000 to \$28,000 or more.

Labor costs depend on the company and local labor rates, but on average labor costs about 25% of the budget.

Lighting upgrades usually cost about \$1,400, or 5% of the budget, though this depends on the number and quality of the fixtures.

Walls and ceilings can total around \$900 to \$1,800, including new walls, supplies, and paint.

### **How Geographic Location Impacts Kitchen Remodel Costs**

The cost of a kitchen remodel project can fluctuate based on the geographic area. Price differences are often noticeable when comparing products, but the geographic location can also affect the local labor rate:<sup>1</sup>

Northwest: \$25,600–\$61,100

Rocky Mountains: \$12,700–\$39,600

Southwest: \$12,350–\$33,950

Mountain Prairie: \$6,000–\$37,400

Midwest: \$10,500–\$34,300

Southeast: \$12,000–\$32,200

Mideast: \$13,600–\$37,650

Northeast: \$15,600–\$40,300

### **Scale of a Kitchen Remodel**

Minor upgrades can improve the aesthetic appearance and functionality without making significant changes to a kitchen layout. Upgrades can include painting the walls, refacing the cabinets, or upgrading the flooring which cost significantly less than gutting a kitchen for a complete overhaul. Here are some comparisons for average kitchen sizes and comprehensive remodeling costs:

**Small kitchen:** A small kitchen usually measures about 144 (12x12) to 150 square feet. Remodeling a small kitchen can run an average of \$10,000 to \$20,000.<sup>2</sup>

**Medium kitchen:** A medium-sized kitchen measures about 150 to 200 square feet. Plan on spending about \$20,000 to \$65,000 to remodel this size kitchen.

**Large kitchen:** A large kitchen measures over 200 square feet. A large kitchen costs \$65,000 to \$130,000 or more to remodel.<sup>3</sup>

### **Kitchen Remodel Cost Factors**

#### **Appliances**

If the kitchen appliances are old, worn, or in disrepair, a kitchen remodel is a great time to choose new appliances. The cost of new appliances can vary significantly, depending on the type of appliance, the brand, and any additional features.

## **Kitchen Cabinets**

It costs the most to replace the kitchen cabinets. Putting in kitchen cabinets will cost about 41% of the total project budget, so consider keeping your existing cabinets if they are in good condition or only require refinishing

If the kitchen needs new cabinets, plan to spend between \$2,000 to \$28,000 for stock cabinets, or between \$13,000 to \$30,000 for custom cabinets. You can choose to reuse the cabinet hardware or purchase new hardware. The cost can range from \$100 for basic, inexpensive hardware to \$10,000 for antique or custom hardware.<sup>4</sup>

## **Countertops**

Generally, the larger the countertop space or the more unique the shape, the higher the cost of the project. Expect to pay between \$1,870 to \$4,400, or even up to \$10,000, including the purchase and installation of the countertops.

Just keep in mind that the total cost of the countertops can vary depending on the material. Some materials, like laminate or tile, may cost less than \$2,000, while premium materials, like stainless steel or quartz countertops, could cost \$15 to over \$60 per square foot.<sup>3</sup>

## **Backsplash**

Adding a backsplash during a kitchen remodel improves the aesthetic while creating an easy-to-clean protective surface. However, a new backsplash will typically cost about \$15 to \$40 per square foot, including the price of the materials and installation. This works out to about \$600 to \$1,300 depending on the size of the backsplash.

## **Flooring**

New flooring is a common addition to a kitchen remodel project because the kitchen is one of the most frequently used rooms in the home. The heavy traffic through the area and the high frequency of dropped food, drinks, dishes, and cookware can damage the floor and lead to early wear.

Depending on the kitchen's size, a new floor will cost between \$1,000 to \$4,000. Choosing inexpensive flooring materials, like laminate, sheet vinyl, or linoleum reduces the overall cost of the kitchen remodel project.<sup>1</sup>

## **Plumbing**

A plumber will install a new sink and faucet, run new piping, or complete other plumbing modifications. Installing a new sink costs about \$420. A new faucet typically costs \$260 to purchase and install.

Expect to pay a plumber an hourly rate between \$45 to \$200 per hour, although some plumbers may offer a flat rate based on the job or the size of the kitchen. If you need new pipes run to the kitchen or significant plumbing modifications completed, plan to spend between \$1,500 to \$15,000.<sup>5</sup>

## **Electrical**

Similar to plumbing, some kitchen remodels may require new electrical outlets, light fixtures, or wiring. Electricians typically charge about \$50 to \$100 per hour, plus the cost of materials and products.

New outlet installation will usually cost between \$75 to \$485.





Electrical panel replacement can cost between \$520 to \$1,990.

Under-cabinet lighting installations are less than standard lighting projects, ranging from \$230 to \$300.

Typical lighting upgrades start at just \$500, but can quickly exceed \$2,000, depending on the number and quality of the new light fixtures.<sup>4</sup>

### **Gas Line**

A gas stove or oven will require a gas line connection. If the stove needs to be moved or the appliance is being replaced with an in-wall unit, then the gas line will need to be relocated. This is not a job for a local handyman, so make sure to hire a professional gas fitter to move the gas line to a safe location. Expect to spend about \$375 to \$750 to complete this modification during the kitchen remodel.<sup>1</sup>

### **Room Size**

Generally, the larger the kitchen, the higher the kitchen remodeling cost because the job will take longer and require more materials. On average the cost to remodel a kitchen ranges from \$75 to \$250 per square foot.

Based on this information, you can figure out the approximate cost of the project. For instance, a 75-square-foot kitchen will cost between \$5,625 to \$17,500 on average, but a 100-square-foot kitchen will cost \$7,500 to \$25,000. Large, 150-square-foot kitchens cost between \$11,250 to \$37,500, while a 200-square-foot kitchen will typically cost \$15,000 to \$50,000 to fully remodel.<sup>4</sup>



## 4. Amazing Kitchen Remodel Ideas That Will Refresh Your Home

Creating a functional and updated kitchen can add value to your home and increase the enjoyment of daily kitchen activities like cooking, entertaining and sharing meals with your family. The old realtor adage of “kitchens sell homes” may still ring true, but there’s no reason to wait until you are putting your house on the market to consider a kitchen remodel.

Most people believe that kitchen renovations are expensive and time-consuming. According to Remodeling Magazine’s 2018 cost vs. value report, the average cost to fully renovate a 200-square-foot kitchen was \$64,000. That price includes wood cabinets, an island, laminate countertops and a standard sink and faucet, new appliances, lighting and flooring.

Thankfully, many people do not need a major renovation, just some minor remodeling to update a kitchen. If you are looking to give your kitchen a makeover with a limited budget, here are some ways to do it without breaking the bank, plus tips for keeping your remodel on track.

### 1. Add Color with Paint

One of the most inexpensive ways to quickly transform a room is with paint. It’s also a versatile medium that can be used in creative ways. With a coat of paint, your kitchen will instantly look brighter and feel newer. This is an easy way to incorporate a trendy color into your space, as long it complements your cabinetry and flooring. Go for neutrals for a fresh look, and keep in mind that neutrals cover a range of hues that are exciting and chic.

### 2. Refresh the Cabinets

The average stock kitchen cabinets cost \$75 to \$400+ per linear foot installed. Custom cabinets will cost even more. However, if your cabinets are structurally sound, it’s easy to update them with a few simple tricks:

**Deep clean:** Cabinetry collects dust and grime; giving them a deep clean to remove gunk and debris will instantly brighten your kitchen.

**Paint:** Sometimes, all your cabinets need is a fresh coat of paint to make them look modern and new. Although you can’t go wrong with all-white, warm hues and greens are trending cabinet colors.

**Replace the doors:** If your cabinets are in good condition, spruce them up with new doors. You can get new doors from cabinet retailers or hire a carpenter to make new ones. You can get a whole new look for a fraction of the price.

**Change the hardware:** Accessories always make a difference. Update the pulls and knobs for an inexpensive facelift.

### 3. Repair Your Sink Grout

Over time, grout lines around the sink will darken or become damaged. If some of the grout is crumbling or cracked, it’s a good idea to get it repaired by a professional. Fixing a few areas of damaged grout is simpler than a new sink installation and will cost around \$200 to \$400 per project. Prices will increase based on the amount of grout to fix.



If the grout is in good condition, give it a good cleaning using baking soda, vinegar and a brush. A professional deep cleaning will cost \$1 to \$3 per square foot.

#### **4. Replace the Faucet**

Depending on your DIY skills, swapping out an old kitchen faucet for something new is an easy and cost-effective fix. It will make the whole sink look new, especially if you refreshed the grout around the sink and painted the cabinets. Most faucets are easy to install, but you must be comfortable with shutting off the water supply and basic plumber tools.

#### **5. Add a Backsplash**

Backsplashes are a functional and attractive addition to your kitchen. They protect the walls along with the countertops and behind the stove. They also add a pop of color and interest to your kitchen. Adding a backsplash can be an inexpensive DIY project for handy homeowners.

Various materials work for backsplashes such as shiplap, tile, peel and stick wallpaper, metal, stone, and much more. Cost and labor will vary, depending on materials. Although subway tile is a popular and classic choice, bold patterns and unconventional materials such as mirrors are becoming trendy options.

#### **6. Replace Lighting Fixtures**

Replacing outdated fixtures will make your kitchen look more modern and maximize visibility in working areas. Don't limit yourself just to the main ceiling fixtures. Task lights, such as under-cabinet lighting illuminate darker spots within the kitchen, making every part of your kitchen brighter.

They are easy to install and are relatively inexpensive. LED lighting is a popular choice for builders and homeowners because they emit less heat, lasts several times longer than incandescent bulbs and uses a fraction of the energy. The more light you have in your kitchen, the bigger and airy it feels and looks.

## **7. Upgrade the Pantry Cabinet**

Don't leave your pantry out during the remodeling process. This aspect might not be as readily visible, but having a functional pantry will make the heart of your home run smoothly. Start by clearing out your existing food storage space, then get to work on organizing.

Other Remodeling Tips to Remember

### **1. Declutter to stay organized**

A clutter-free place allows you to work more efficiently and assess what needs to be done. Before starting any kitchen remodel, clear the countertops and get rid of appliances and dishes that are taking up valuable space. By reducing clutter, your kitchen will immediately feel bigger and open.

### **2. Keep the floor plan to save time and money**

Unless it's necessary, keep the existing piping and utility layout where they are. Moving an appliance such as a sink or stove requires the help of a professional plumber and/or electrician. This can greatly increase the cost of kitchen remodel.

### **3. Match your appliances for maximum aesthetic value**

It's better to have all your appliances match in your kitchen than have the upgrade stand out from the rest. Go with a one-color suit: black, white, stainless steel, etc. Keeping the appliances in the same color suit will give your kitchen a cleaner, cohesive look.

### **4. Shop wisely**

Big box retailers and custom kitchen renovation stores are not your only option for brand-name appliances, cabinetry or other high-end materials. Ask around locally about other similar reuse places where contractors and builders donate or sell their overstock at a discount.

Since a minor kitchen renovation ROI is 81.1 percent, updating your kitchen will increase the value of your home. However, you do not have to do a major overhaul or take out a home equity loan to make minor but impactful improvements.

## **5. Kitchen Remodeling Tips for a Successful Renovation**

Kitchens are the place of family meals, comfort, and togetherness—a space for gathering and enjoyment. Thanks to modern design innovations, a kitchen can be both comfortable and beautiful, functional and welcoming, achieving a balance of color, texture, and lighting that makes the heart of your home a refuge for relaxing. Integrate these kitchen remodeling tips to ensure a space that is easy to work in and enjoyable for living.

### **Plan Ahead**

Before you hang the first cabinet, ask yourselves questions like these: What are my goals for the space? How much can I spend? What can't I live without? "The most important advice I can give for a kitchen remodel is planning," says Delia Kenza of Delia Kenza Interiors. "Planning is essential to make sure you can stay on budget and get everything that you want. So take the time to think it through." Every

kitchen and each family is unique in its must-haves, so spend some time outlining your ideal space (and figuring out whether you can achieve that within your budget).



### **Eliminate Wasted Steps**

As you plan your new layout for your kitchen remodeling project, consider how and where you use kitchen items. For example, organize your cabinetry to store breakfast foods and bowls near the breakfast table. Keep foil, plastic wrap, and containers near a work surface for wrapping leftovers. Locate dishware and flatware near the dishwasher to ease the process of unloading. If you can make your kitchen more efficient, you'll also make it more enjoyable.

### **Build an Accessible Kitchen**

Ensure everyone can participate in the happy times. To make your kitchen more inclusive, consider a ground-floor plan that places the oven, drawers, and shelves at an accessible height. Lowering countertop height and leaving adequate space for walkways allows ease of movement for wheelchairs, strollers, or walkers. A home should be a place "where people of all abilities can be welcomed, respected, and included," says Jennifer Laszlo Mizrahi, founder of RespectAbility, a national disability nonprofit. A kitchen remodeling project is the perfect time to design with accessibility as a priority, especially if your home was not initially built that way.

### **Incorporate Kitchen Technology**

Don't underestimate the value of new gadgets, like space-saving over-the-range microwaves, in taking your kitchen from typical to top-notch. "From installing smart taps in your kitchen to having a smart trash can, it is important to have a modern kitchen if you are remodeling," says David Mason, owner of The Knobs Company. He suggests adding Alexa or other smart home consoles to your kitchen, as well as smart lighting. "Remodeled kitchens should be convenient for you," he says. The right technology can make your kitchen a well-oiled machine.

### **Design Wide Walkways**

You've probably thought about your refrigerator's placement in relation to the stove. But have you considered how you'll get from one to the other? Paths through a kitchen should be at least 36 inches wide; paths within the cooking zone should be 42 inches wide for a one-cook kitchen and 48 inches for a two-cook configuration. Adjust kitchen islands and peninsulas accordingly, giving yourself adequate space to move about easily.

### **Plan Kitchen Clearances**

When creating your kitchen remodeling plan, it's important to adhere to standard clearances for fridges, ovens, cooktops, and sinks. Always allow 15 inches of countertop on either side of a cooktop and refrigerator. Make sure the sink has at least 24 inches of counter space on one side and 18 inches on the other. Landing space is also important near the microwave; create a 15-inch landing zone above, beside, or below your microwave.

### **Consider a Closed Kitchen Layout**

Not ready to knock down walls? As more and more families desire private spaces within their homes, closed kitchens are starting to replace the open-concept floor plans that have been popular for years. Homeowners now want to separate cooking and eating from the home's entertainment rooms; some even use the island as an office that needs to be siloed off from the rest of the house. Consider a pass-through window for a space that's still bright and airy.

### **Use Your Counter Space Wisely**

Those who cook frequently require more counter space, ideally between the range and sink, than those who cook infrequently or prepare only simple meals. But the allocation of space isn't your only consideration—also think about countertop height when planning a kitchen remodeling project. Incorporating two countertop heights (which is doable even in a small space like this one) makes baking easy and allows kids to participate in meal preparation. Staggered countertops can also help separate the cooktop and the dining area if you want to use the kitchen island for cooking and eating.

### **Lighten Up a Small Kitchen**

Dark color schemes shrink an already small space and make it less inviting. Instead, use soft shades on kitchen cabinets and neutrals on walls to expand a small room visually. Pastels are also making a comeback, as delicate yellows and soothing blues can lighten tight spaces. Use natural light to your advantage by forgoing kitchen window treatments.

### **Arrange the Range**

Place a shelf beside or behind the range to keep cooking oils, utensils, and spices handy. Place S hooks on the side of the range hood to hang frequently used pots and pans. For an extra pop, opt for metal with warm tones, like brass or copper.

## 6. The Ultimate Guide To Deep Cleaning Your Kitchen



The kitchen requires intense cleaning to promote a healthy and hygienic indoor environment. Caked-on grime, grease and stained kitchen appliances, countertops, cabinets and the clogged garbage disposal can breed harmful germs and bacteria, increasing potential health hazards.

As a responsible homeowner in Melbourne, you should regularly clean and disinfect your cooking station and surrounding surfaces using the proper products and techniques to prevent foodborne illness. It is also a good idea to create a proper schedule for deep cleaning once a month and cover all nooks and crannies for sparkling results. Here is a complete guide to deep cleaning your kitchen like a pro. The following tips and tricks can streamline the process while saving you time and energy.

### 1. Stock Up on Cleaning Essentials

You'll need cleaning products and tools to combat stubborn stains, lingering smells, buildup grease and grime from different surfaces. So, arrange the following items:

- Microfiber cloths and telescopic dusters for tackling dust and loose debris
- Sponges for soaking liquid messes
- Brushes for scrubbing stains and grime
- Broom and mop for cleaning floors
- Vacuum Cleaner with a brush attachment to remove gunk from crannies
- An all-purpose cleaner (vinegar+ warm water+ dishwashing liquid soap) for stain removal
- Baking soda to clean and deodorise surfaces
- Lemon to disinfect cutting boards and kitchen appliances



- Hydrogen peroxide to tackle mould and mildew
- Rubbing alcohol to disinfect highly touched surfaces
- Hot water for effective cleaning
- Essential oils to banish lingering smell from your kitchen.

## **2. De-clutter Your Kitchen: Cabinets and Drawers**

According to professional end of lease cleaners Melbourne, de-cluttering is the best way to start the process, especially deep-cleaning session. Clear off your kitchen countertops, tables, pantry and floors. This allows you to clean every inch of the room without any distractions.

Ensure you toss expired food, stale items, empty containers and jars. Moreover, you can donate unused items, such as spare cookware and gadgets, to the local charity.

The objective is to ruthlessly declutter drawers, cabinets and other storage shelves to make your kitchen look clean and organised.

## **3. Dust From Top to Bottom**

Remove cobwebs, insect marks, and accumulated dust from top to bottom. Use a damp microfiber cloth or a telescopic duster to clean ceilings, fans, light fixtures and fittings, blinds, window sills, and the tops of cabinets. Following the right method can prevent dust from falling onto surfaces you spruce up later.

Tip: Avoid common cleaning mistakes, such as dusting with dirty gears, when cleaning your home, especially kitchen.

## **4. Remove Grease From Cabinets and Cupboards**

Deep clean your cabinets and cupboards inside and outside when they are empty. Spray white vinegar solution and leave it for a few minutes until you scrub using a non-abrasive brush

Wiping down with a damp microfiber cloth can also help remove sticky messes and spills without leaving scratches behind. Clean the doors, door handles and crannies for effective outcomes.

## **5. Deep Clean Kitchen Appliances**

Professionals pay attention to the kitchen appliances when carrying out a detailed end of lease cleaning Melbourne. So, here is a guide to cleaning common appliances like a pro:

### **Refrigerator:**

Unplug your appliance and remove all shelves and drawers. Soak them in hot, soapy water to dislodge gunk. Next, spray the vinegar solution on the interior surfaces and let it sit for a while. Take a sponge or brush and scrub the surfaces gently. Clean the inside and outside of the fridge, including the door seal and gasket. To banish the lingering smell, sprinkle baking soda or keep a bowl of coffee grounds in the fridge after cleaning.

### **Dishwasher:**

Run an empty cycle with vinegar or baking soda and hot water for a thorough clean. You can remove and deep clean the filter and crannies of your machine. Wipe down the interior walls and door seals with a damp cloth to remove grease and grime.

**Oven:**

Remove racks from the appliance and soak them in hot, soapy water for half an hour. Meanwhile, you can cover the interior with baking soda and water paste. This will dislodge grime, gunk and food splatters. Dampen the cloth in vinegar and water solution and wipe down the surface. Do scrubbing for stubborn stains and clean the knobs, doors and handle.

**Microwave:**

Heat a microwaveable bowl filled with equal parts of vinegar and water for 2 minutes. Leave the door closed and let the steam break down gunk and grease for quick and effective cleaning.

**6. Dislodge Grease From the Stovetop and Vent Hood**

Use a non-abrasive scouring pad or a cloth to clean delicate glass stovetops. Spray white vinegar and water to remove stuck-on grime. If you have a gas stovetop with burner grates, soak them using castile soap and warm water. You can also use lemon to disinfect chopping boards and other dust-laden surfaces.

Using hydrogen peroxide and baking soda paste, you can remove dirt and grime from the backsplash area and grout lines. Scrub with a brush and wipe down using a damp cloth.

Countertops, on the other hand, require extra attention. Instead of using acidic cleaner or vinegar, apply baking soda to remove stains and spills.

**8. Sparkle and Disinfect Your Sink**

This is one of the dirtiest spots in the kitchen. To loosen grime, fill your sink with hot and soapy water and let it sit for 20 minutes. Next, scrub the surface, including the faucet. Baking soda is a mildly abrasive scouring product.

To clean the garbage disposal, pour ½ cup of baking soda, followed by vinegar, into the drain. Let it bubble and dislodge stuck gunk and grease. Next, run hot water down the drain and grind lemon peels to banish the unpleasant odour.

### 9. Deep Clean Your Floor

Thoroughly sweep or vacuum your floors, including nooks and corners, to remove dirt and food particles. For extra shine, mop your floors with dishwashing soap and warm water.

If you are at the end of your tenancy, book expert end of lease cleaners Melbourne and secure your full bond money. They a proper end of lease cleaning checklist to help you pass the final rental inspection without any dispute.

Cleaning an entire kitchen from top to bottom can be time-consuming and tedious. However, the above tips will help you manage the entire session in the most organised manner and deliver the desired results efficiently.

## 7. Conclusion

In conclusion, "The Ultimate Guide to a Kitchen Remodel" equips you with the knowledge and insights to confidently approach your renovation journey. From planning and budgeting to choosing materials and final touches, every step is designed to help you create a kitchen that aligns with your needs, style, and budget. A thoughtfully remodeled kitchen not only enhances daily convenience but also adds lasting value to your home. By following this guide, you're set to achieve a beautiful, functional space that reflects your vision and serves as the heart of your home for years to come.

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