

## Your Budget

Kitchens and bathrooms are key! In every area of the country these remodeling projects are a top pick for recouping their cost and actually adding to the resale value of your home. Average return on investment 84 - 105%. Energy efficient appliances, custom cabinetry, stainless steel, new countertops, new sink, paint, flooring, crown moulding will do wonders for the kitchen.

Kitchens and baths are where it's at. Year in and year out, they continue to be the most popular home remodels and the focus of many home improvement projects. Real estate agents know they are also the two areas of the home that have the greatest influence on the selling price—and for good reason. We spend a lot of time in our kitchens and baths. As much television as we watch in our family room, as much time as we spend in the home office surfing the web, food and cleanliness are still our most fundamental needs.

It's great when money is no object but, there are also ways to get a very nice look without necessarily going top-of-the-line on your entire project. You just need to know where to save and where to splurge.

No doubt that a pro-style kitchen will be more expensive, but perhaps not as much as you would expect. High quality cooking equipment, whether in pro-style or the sleeker designer lines, is expensive. Your kitchen appliances will be used each and every day for years to come. They can make your kitchen a pleasant place for the family to gather or to entertain.

If you compare a group of appliances in most high-end lines (Miele, Wolf, Dacor, Viking, Thermador), your prices will usually be within a few hundred dollars. If you are on a tighter budget, you may choose to use higher quality pieces in the areas that matter most to you, and go with less expensive pieces in areas that don't get as much use.

During your planning appointment, your designer will interview you and gain important insights as to your needs.

- What kind of cooking and baking do you do most?
- How often do you entertain & how many guests are present?
- How many people usually cook at one time?
- What are your food and equipment storage preferences?
- What style of decor do you desire?

Your designer will introduce you to our selection of quality cabinetry manufacturers, pointing out important features in construction, design and custom finishes. A new kitchen is a considerable investment, and we want you to make informed decisions.

Your designer will assist you in selecting just the right surface materials for your

countertops, backsplash and floor covering. Appliances today play a major roll in the design of the kitchen. Our designers are trained in all the high-end lines of appliances to help you make the right decisions. Finally, no designer kitchen is complete without the right lighting to set the tone. We can provide pendant lighting; under-counter lighting and ceiling can lighting to create a relaxing and inviting mood.

Designer fees would total thousands of dollars for this assistance, but there is no additional cost for our design time when we are providing the cabinetry and materials.