

Top tips when buying your new kitchen



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Checklist when buying a new Kitchen

Never agree to buy a kitchen if you do not get satisfactory answers

Before visiting a showroom

Write down a couple of ideas for your kitchen, for example the colour and style you would like. Do you want an island unit or a breakfast bar?

Consider the number of people in your family and their ages. Does it need to be hard wearing and low maintenance for young children?

List things that are important for you, for example space for a dishwasher or an eye level oven, a pull out bin, integrated appliances etc.

What do you like about your current kitchen and what do you want to change?

Have a think about your current appliances and if you are happy with their location or would like a change.

Measure the space available for your new kitchen and make sure to bring the measurements with you to the showroom.

The Company

Check out how long the kitchen suppliers you are considering are in business?

Do they have an established showroom where you can view their products?

Are they dedicated kitchen experts which specialise in fitted kitchens?

Will you have one member of staff that is dedicated to you and your new kitchen from the initial enquiry right through until the kitchen is installed in your home?

Will your new kitchen be made right here in Ireland?
We all like to be able to support Irish companies that employ staff here in Ireland.

Have you friends or family that can recommend the companies you are considering?

Does the kitchen supplier you are considering have a dedicated Customer Service Manager to make sure that you get the kitchen you're looking for regardless of mishaps on the way?

The Cabinets

Will your cabinets be factory assembled?
Make sure they are factory pre-assembled, this ensures a top quality product. Don't underestimate how much time, money and hassle will be saved at installation time compared to flat pack cabinets.

Will your cabinets be made from board produced by premium European suppliers such as Egger and Kronospan?

Will your cabinets be made from 18mm thick board?
15mm thick board is used by many companies including premium brand names but it is not as strong as 18mm and will not stand the test of time.

Do you want to have a fully soft closing drawer system?
They should be from quality brands such as Hettich or Blum.
Do not accept cheap alternatives as they do not last and have not got the required certification such as the German TÜV standard.

The Kitchen Doors

Are soft close hinges standard on your new kitchen?
These are no longer extras but should be standard.
Make sure that soft-close hinges and soft-close drawers are included in the price.

Are the door handles included in the quote?

Ask for colour options, there should be several options so you get what you want.

Worktops/Countertops

Have you considered the different worktop options available?

Make sure the worktop is the right thickness that you want 20, 30 or 40mm.

Make sure up-stands are included in the quote, if you want them.

If you are getting a quartz worktop, make sure details like cut outs for the sink, the hob and drainer grooves are included in the quote. These could cost extra and should be agreed in advance to avoid any surprises

Make sure the type and location of joints, if there are any, are all agreed prior to installation.

The Delivery

Find out who will deliver your kitchen and make sure it is assembled, this will save you a small fortune on fitting and you will be getting factory assembled quality.

Make sure your kitchen will be delivered into the kitchen, not to the roadside for you to carry in.

Find out how soon you can have your kitchen delivered, you should be able to get it in a few weeks from ordering. This also means less risk for you.

Fitting/Installation

Will your kitchen supplier install your new kitchen as part of their service?

Find out the cost for fitting and if it is included in the overall cost of the kitchen – avoid surprises.

