

Save Here, Spend There for a Kitchen That Sizzles
Price out elements for your perfect kitchen

Looking to build your ideal kitchen, but not sure if you can afford it? It may seem like a difficult task, but it is possible to design a space that will fulfill your needs, while leaving room (and funds) for your dreams. Here's how you can combine sacrificing and spending to find the perfect new product mix.

The Plan

Before you begin shopping, take some time to log your family's activity in the kitchen. Are you using the range every day or making quick meals in the microwave? Is your sink area suitable? Can the dishwasher handle your family's load? Is there enough lighting in the most frequently used areas of the kitchen?

Once you have a good grasp of what's going on in your kitchen, take a look at home design publications to determine what appeals to you. Are you drawn toward ornate designs, or do you seek simplicity? What about the extras – do you love sleek glass or granite surfaces? Is there a style of faucet you just have to have?

After completing your research, consider your tastes, your kitchen use and how they fit together. Then, price out your perfect kitchen.

Appliance Assessment

Your appliances are high ticket items, so select purchases carefully. For example, if you're a master chef, you'll need a range to showcase your cooking prowess. The extra-large self-cleaning GE Café™ 30" Free Standing Gas Range in Stainless Steel, \$2,698 at Lowes, features five burners with specialty functions, even-air circulation technology, touch controls and special features like Auto Recipe™ Conversion and an Automatic Meat Thermometer, to help you make the perfect meal.

If cooking is not your forte, go for a less expensive range with a similar look. A GE® 30" Free-Standing Gas Range, \$718 at Lowe's, still provides the convenience of an extra-large Stainless

Steel self-cleaning oven, without all the bells and whistles. You can spend some of the money you saved on a new microwave, like the LG 2.0 cu.ft. Over the Range Oven, \$369 at The Home Depot, with large capacity, sensor cooking and an exhaust system that reduces odor.

Selections at the Sink

There are a host of options when choosing the right faucet for your kitchen sink. Many families like to keep things simple, yet stylish with clean, elegant single-handle styles. For a faucet that's contemporary, but costs less, try the Lindley™ Eco-Performance pulldown kitchen faucet in Moen's new Mediterranean Bronze finish, \$239* at The Home Depot. Lindley offers beautiful, elaborate traditional styling, consumer-preferred high-arc pulldown spout – and features a multi-function spray wand featuring water-saving settings. Its two unique water-efficient settings flow at 1.75 gallons per minute (gpm): an aerated stream and spray, which translates into a water savings of up to 32 percent. There's also the added convenience of a push-button, fast-fill option that flows at 2.2 gpm, which is ideal for tasks like filling a pot or pitcher.

Extra Elements

Once you have determined where to spend the bulk of your budget, consider extra elements. If your family dines together daily, invest in a dining set that can be passed down for generations to come. If you are famous for your smoothies, buy a great blender that will help you improve your signature drink. If your kitchen is without windows, look for a unique light fixture to illuminate your space.

When you figure out where you're spending, see where you can save. Maybe you love the idea of glass door cabinets, but don't have the funds to buy new dishes. Save your money and stay with solid doors. You might love the look of granite, but not the price. Try granite tile instead – it's much less expensive and easy to replace if tiles get damaged.

Once you achieve a balance between spending and saving, the perfect kitchen will be within your reach.

For more information about the new Lindley Eco-Performance kitchen faucet from Moen, visit moen.com or call 1-800-BUY-MOEN (1-800-289-6636).

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