# Measure, mark and plan

As part of the planning process, we've created this handy Kitchen Layout Planner to help you envision the layout of your kitchen. It gives you a simple grid where you can indicate the features of your kitchen space, like windows, doors and utility points. (We've also supplied pinch-out paper pieces representing the components of your kitchen - cabinets, appliances, sinks and more - that you can place where you wish on the grid.) It's fun, and it'll give you a visual idea of where things can go and how to maximize your space. It will also help your Kitchen Designer how to imagine the look of the finished project.

#### A. Make Careful measurements

Measure along the floor to get the exact measurements of each wall. Measure again at waist height and ceiling height, since walls are sometimes not exactly straight or level. If there's a soffit (a boxed-in area between the top of the cabinets and the ceiling) measure between it and the floor, and its depth and height.

#### B. Locate Electrical & Plumbing Lines

Noting where utilities are - and whether or not they can be moved - is important. Measure from the nearest corner to the centre of each pipe, and mark on the grid. If you'd like to move the sink, indicate where you'd like it to go.



### C. Where exactly are your windows?

Measure the width of your windows from the outside trim and indicate them on the grid. Be sure to note the height of the windows, and how far they are from the floor and ceiling. The space above and below windows could be used for cabinets, window seats, mouldings or soffits.

#### D. Where do doors enter into the plan?

Measure your doors as you did the windows - from the outside trim. Indicate on the grid where doors open out or in.

#### E. Look up - are there soffits (bulkheads)?

If there's a drop bulkhead or soffit, measure its height and depth.

Ceiling	Vaulted Ceiling	
Ceiling Height	Shortest Height	
	Longest Height	

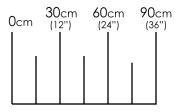
#### **Appliance Invenory**

Appliance	height	width	depth
Refrigerator			
Range/.Cooktop			
Oven(s)			
Wine Cooler			
Microwave			
Sink			
Other			
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#### Some tips before you layout your kitchen on the grid:

Not wether the walls are drywalled or plastered. If a wall is unfinished and there will be drywall applied to it, be sure to subtract that thickness. Note also if there's a drop ceiling. Check where the windows and doors are located, and they can open in or out. What is the height of the windowsill? What is the distance from the corners of the room to each

window or door opening? Be sure to locate and note the position of the water drain, and electrical outlets. And the most important thing of all - check and re-check your measurements! A measurement that's wrong is worse than no measurement at all. Now that you've done the basics you can start planning your kitchen design using various punch-out components provided. have fun and be creative!



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