

Kitchen Remodeler Photo Checklist

Kitchen remodels involve cabinet layout, plumbing and gas rough-ins, dedicated electrical circuits, and countertop installations — most of which disappear behind finished surfaces. When a homeowner disputes a measurement, a leak is discovered, or a warranty claim arises, the question is always the same: **can you prove the layout was correct, the rough-in was done to code, and every finish was installed as specified?** This guide covers every phase.

THE 7 PHASES

Document Every Phase, Protect Every Job

01 PHASE Pre-Demo Site Assessment

- Existing kitchen — wide shot all walls
- Gas line location & shutoff documented
- Appliance model numbers photographed
- Cabinet layout & measurements documented
- Electrical panel circuits serving kitchen
- Homeowner pre-existing damage noted
- Existing plumbing supply & drain locations
- Permit & approved plans on-site
- Flooring condition under cabinets

02 PHASE Demolition

- Demo scope — wide shot before start
- Electrical in walls — existing wiring
- Subfloor condition under old flooring
- Cabinets removed — wall condition exposed
- Gas lines exposed — labeled & capped
- Protected adjacent areas documented
- Plumbing rough-in exposed & labeled
- Mold or damage found during demo
- Post-demo clean substrate — wide shot

03 PHASE Rough-In: Plumbing, Electrical & Gas

- Drain rough-in location & height
- Refrigerator water line stub-out
- Under-cabinet lighting rough-in
- Supply line rough-in — hot & cold
- Dedicated circuits — fridge, dishwasher, micro
- Gas line new run — pressure tested
- Dishwasher electrical & drain stub
- GFCI circuits at counter receptacles
- All rough-in before walls are closed



04 PHASE Cabinet Installation

- Layout lines snapped — wall & base
- Stud locations marked & photographed
- Base cabinet level & plumb — first run
- Upper cabinet height — consistent across run
- Cabinet screws into studs — documented
- Filler strips & end panels installed
- Corner cabinet alignment & clearance
- Island secured to subfloor
- All cabinets installed — wide shot

05 PHASE Countertops & Backsplash

- Countertop template or measurement shot
- Countertop material & edge profile labeled
- Seam location & alignment documented
- Countertop secured to cabinets
- Sink cutout & undermount clips
- Backsplash substrate & layout
- Tile or material pattern documented
- Grout joint width & color noted
- Caulk at countertop-to-wall joint

06 PHASE Appliance & Fixture Installation

- Sink & faucet installed
- Garbage disposal wiring & mounting
- Dishwasher leveled & secured
- Range or cooktop installed & level
- Range hood vented to exterior
- Refrigerator water line connected
- Microwave mounted & vented
- All appliances tested & operational
- Gas connections leak-tested with bubbles

07 PHASE Final Inspection & Closeout

- Permit card & inspection sticker
- Inspector approval documented
- All plumbing tested — no leaks
- GFCI outlets tested & confirmed
- Cabinet doors & drawers adjusted
- Countertop sealed (if applicable)
- Final wide shot — all walls complete
- Client walkthrough documented
- Punch list items — before & after

HOW TO USE THIS IN THE FIELD

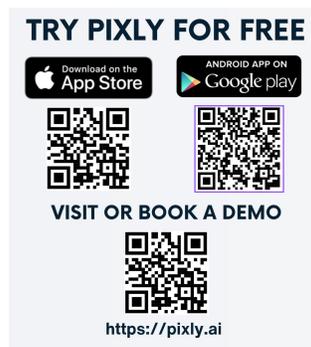
Turn This Checklist Into Your Daily Workflow

- 01 Capture All Rough-In Before Walls Close**
Gas lines, electrical circuits, and plumbing supply locations all disappear behind drywall. These shots are your only proof that everything was placed and sized correctly to code.
- 02 Document the Cabinet Layout Line Before Installation**
A photo of the level line, stud marks, and first cabinet set proves your layout was plumb and level from the start — critical if doors or drawers cause issues later.
- 03 Photograph Every Appliance Test**
Run every appliance and capture it operating. A gas connection, dishwasher drain, and range hood vent all need to be confirmed working before you leave the job.
- 04 Wide Shot Before and After Every Phase**
A before-and-after pair at demo, rough-in, cabinet install, and final shows exactly what you inherited and delivered — protecting you from scope disputes and change-order disagreements.

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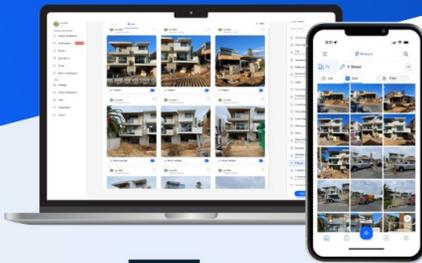
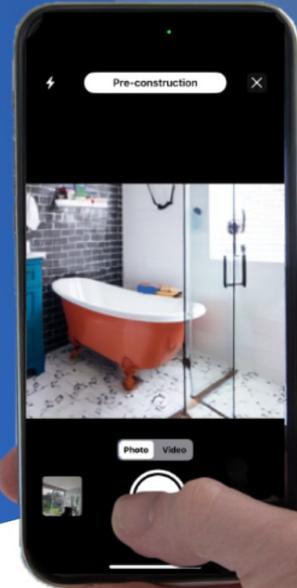
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