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Planning Guide*

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## Discover Natalea Rheas' way To Plan & Create "Your Dream Kitchen"

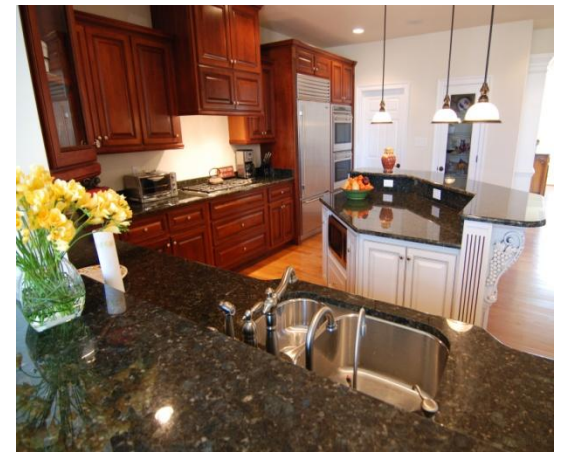


By requesting my planning guide, you have taken a wonderful first step toward creating the room of your dreams and visions.

Remodeling your home is one of the best ways to add dollar value and enjoyment to your home. Even though this is one of the most expensive and time-consuming projects you'll ever undertake, it can produce a return of up to 81-88%, if you ever decide to sell your home.

This is where Natalea Rheas' unrivaled experience & knowledge comes into play. You can receive expert advice & design that will be invaluable and most of all personal.

Now you can put those dreams on paper & begin your real planning. I will assist you through each step & guide you through the process. You will be able to make informed decisions & I will assist you in locating contractors for your every need that will save you time and money in the long run.





## The Layout Begins

The most beautiful and efficient rooms are designed around the person's taste, personality and most of all the "Functional Work Triangle". This is the classic imaginary space between the cooking area, refrigerator, the sink and/or preparation area. The idea is to create the most efficient room possible with minimum wasted space.

Today's rooms have additional and secondary focal point/accent areas. The working triangle is the best way to evaluate and create the finest layout possible to fit your space.

The best and most efficient triangles should not be more than 9 feet, but not less than 4 feet. Please see the examples of work triangles.

### Some simple design rules:

**Rule #1** – Please allow for at least 18" of counter space on each side of the sink for easy cleanup and loading the dishwasher.

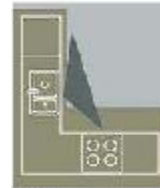
**Rule #2** – At least 15" of space is needed near the refrigerator for placement and unpacking of groceries.

**Rule #3** - At least 36" of counter space beside the range for food preparation.

**Rule #4** – Be sure to leave enough storage space to meet your family's needs.



These are examples of the typical kitchen and workable triangles. Which one works for you and your lifestyle?



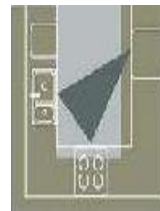
### L-Shapes

Best for easy moving and small eat-in kitchens



### Corridor/Galley

Can be efficient & can maximize space in small areas.



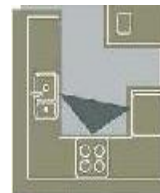
### U-shaped

The most accessible layout for a single cook & traffic flow does not disturb the work zone.



### On the wall/ Straight Run:

Most inefficient setup for a kitchen & no work room.



**G - Shaped:** creates more storage & appliance room or just extra space.

### Islands:

Properly placed islands permit added counter space, extra storage and more work space with possible sit down areas.

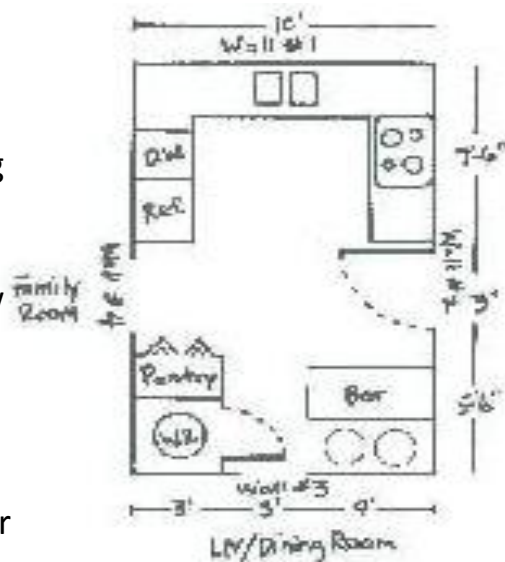
# Designing your Dream Kitchen

## How to Measure Your Existing Kitchen Area

You will need to measure out your existing area. It doesn't have to be perfect, but it will give you an accurate scale for your new Dream Kitchen. I can design your new kitchen off of the preliminary measurements that you provide.

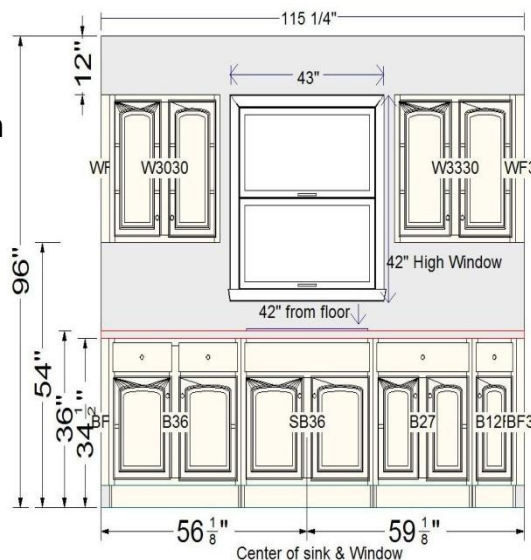
### Room Measurements:

1. Draw a rough layout of the walls in your kitchen and label them 1, 2, 3 etc. Start in one corner and measure the overall length to the next corner.
2. Next place your windows and doors on each wall. Start in the corner again, and measure to the edge of the trim of the door or window. Then measure the door or window size (outside trim to outside trim), then from the edge of the trim to the other corner or opening. Do this for each wall.
3. Finding your appliance, sink and pipe center lines: Measure from the nearest corner to the center of each and write down the measurement. See diagrams.



## Elevations, Doors and Windows

Elevations can be helpful, but are not necessary. To measure each individual window and door size, please see the elevation diagram. **For windows,** measure from the floor to the bottom of the window trim, then from the bottom of the trim to the top of the trim. **For doors,** measure from the floor to the top of the trim. For ceiling height, measure from the floor to the ceiling.



When measuring, please measure from left to right. Be very careful when measuring around electrical outlets, piping and gas lines. Measure from the nearest corner to the edge of these items and for wall height, measure from the floor to the bottom of each.

If you need a contractor for a total remodel or renovation, I can put you in touch with a licensed and insured contractor to do the job for you.

**Contact Natalea Rhea today!**

# Designing your New Dream Kitchen

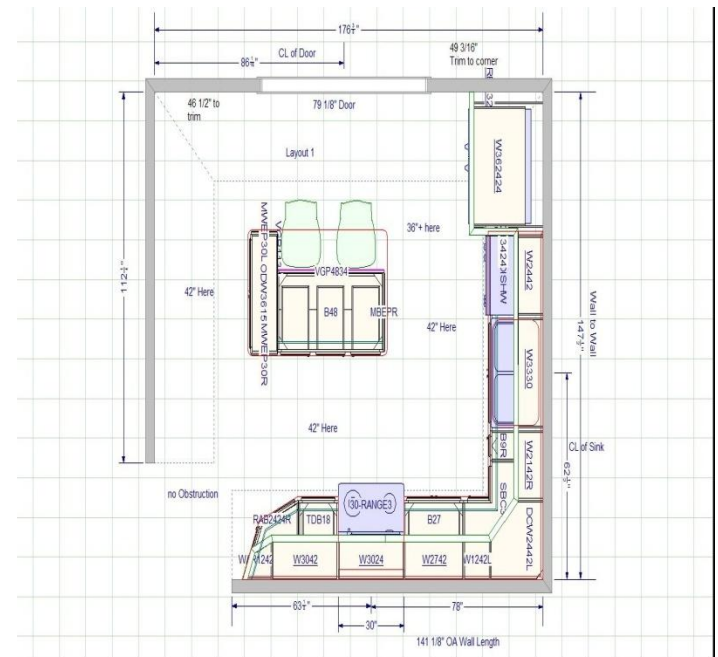
Okay, you are now ready for your initial consultation appointment with Natalea Rhea. Again, your measured layout does not have to be perfect, but a reasonably accurate depiction of the space available for your new kitchen.

When you call me for an appointment, please be prepared to spend at least 2 hours on your initial consultation. I will ask you very detailed questions regarding your new project. Such as,

1. Will any walls be relocated or removed? Are they in the center of your home? If so, they may be load bearing walls.
2. Will the sink or appliances have to be moved to make your Dream Kitchen or room more functional & efficient?
3. Does your Dream Kitchen have room for a lovely island or preparation space?
4. Are you going to need any new appliances, new flooring, new lighting, etc.?

I use the latest 2020 Design Software program to design all remodels, renovations, new construction, cabinetry, furniture, etc. Once the preliminary design is ready, I will email the drawings to you for your review. At that point, you will see the possibilities for your space, work triangle & Dream Kitchen. See the example diagram to the right.

I work with several semi-custom cabinetry lines and custom cabinetry. Semi-custom cabinet sizes available in 3" increments. Some lines have limited sizes and others offer a full line of sizes, door styles, woods, accessories, etc. Custom cabinetry, usually a little more expensive, but not limited to sizing increments, are specifically made to fit your spacing without the use of filler boards. Custom Cabinetry, is for the most part, Truly Unlimited!



# Graph Paper for Your Room Measurements



# Design Planning Questionnaire

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Referred by: \_\_\_\_\_ Do you have Blue Prints? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

Do you have a Contractor? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No If yes then who? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you need a Contractor? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No If yes for what? \_\_\_\_\_

## Project Details

\_\_\_ Addition      \_\_\_ Renovation      \_\_\_ New Construction      \_\_\_ Electrical/Plumbing

## Project Time Frame

\_\_\_ Planning Stage \_\_\_ Breaking Ground \_\_\_ Framed \_\_\_ Roughed In \_\_\_ Sheet Rocked \_\_\_ Ready Now

## Rooms

\_\_\_ Kitchen      \_\_\_ Laundry      \_\_\_ Bathrooms      \_\_\_ Bar      \_\_\_ Closet  
\_\_\_ Island      \_\_\_ Office      \_\_\_ Study      \_\_\_ Pantry      \_\_\_ Built Ins  
\_\_\_ Window Seats      \_\_\_ Furniture      \_\_\_ Great Room      \_\_\_ Other

## Type of Wood Desired

\_\_\_ Oak      \_\_\_ Maple      \_\_\_ Birch      \_\_\_ Cherry      \_\_\_ Hickory      \_\_\_ Pine      \_\_\_ Alder      \_\_\_ Other

## Wood Color Desired

\_\_\_ Stained      \_\_\_ Glazed      \_\_\_ Painted      \_\_\_ Two Toned      \_\_\_ Other

## Door Style Preference

\_\_\_ Flat Panel      \_\_\_ Shaker      \_\_\_ Raised Panel      \_\_\_ Decorative Inlay  
\_\_\_ Partial/Standard Overlay      \_\_\_ Full Overlay (more formal)      \_\_\_ Inset

## Drawer Style Preference

\_\_\_ Solid Slab Front      \_\_\_ 5 Piece Decorative Front to match Door Profile



Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Cabinet Construction Choice**

\_\_\_ MDF (Fiber Board or Particle Board)      \_\_\_ Plywood Sides      \_\_\_ All Plywood Construction

**Drawer Box Construction**

\_\_\_ Stapled Box (Contractor Lines)      \_\_\_ Dowd Wood Box (Medium Contractor Grade)      \_\_\_ Dovetailed Wood Box

**Drawer Glide Systems**

\_\_\_ Standard Side White (contractor lines)      \_\_\_ Under mount Glides      \_\_\_ Full Extension      \_\_\_ Soft Close

**Hardware Preference**

\_\_\_ Finger Grooves      \_\_\_ Knobs      \_\_\_ Handles      \_\_\_ None

**Hardware Color**

\_\_\_ Polished Chrome      \_\_\_ Polished Brass      \_\_\_ Brushed Nickel      \_\_\_ Black      \_\_\_ Other

**Kitchen Accessories Desired**

\_\_\_ Corner Susan      \_\_\_ Roll Out Shelves      \_\_\_ Trash Bins      \_\_\_ Deep Drawers      \_\_\_ Spice Rack  
\_\_\_ Spice Pull Outs      \_\_\_ Spice Insert      \_\_\_ Bread Drawer      \_\_\_ Cutlery Divider      \_\_\_ Cutting Ctr.  
\_\_\_ Pantry Pullouts      \_\_\_ Pantry Slide Outs      \_\_\_ Pantry Storage Unit      \_\_\_ Wine Rack      \_\_\_ Plate Rack  
\_\_\_ Sink Tip Outs      \_\_\_ Stem Glass Holders      \_\_\_ Glass Doors      \_\_\_ Refrig. Cabinet      \_\_\_ Open Shelves  
\_\_\_ Appliance Garage      \_\_\_ Plate Storage Draw.      \_\_\_ Wall Pull Outs      \_\_\_ Cook Book Holder      \_\_\_ Other

**Appliance List & Model Numbers**

\_\_\_ Range \_\_\_\_\_      \_\_\_ Cook Top \_\_\_\_\_      \_\_\_ Dishwasher \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_ S. Oven \_\_\_\_\_      \_\_\_ D. Oven \_\_\_\_\_      \_\_\_ Steamer \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_ OTR Microwave \_\_\_\_\_      \_\_\_ Built In Microwave \_\_\_\_\_      \_\_\_ Warming Drawer \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_ Coffee Center \_\_\_\_\_      \_\_\_ Refrigerator \_\_\_\_\_      \_\_\_ Ice Maker \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_ Compactor \_\_\_\_\_      \_\_\_ Wine Cooler \_\_\_\_\_      \_\_\_ Under Counter Refrig. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_ Pot Filler \_\_\_\_\_      \_\_\_ Instant Hot Water Tap \_\_\_\_\_      \_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Counter Top Material**

\_\_\_ Laminate      \_\_\_ Solid Surface      \_\_\_ Granite      \_\_\_ Quartz      \_\_\_ Other

**Edge Profile**

\_\_\_ Square \_\_\_ Pencil \_\_\_ Waterfall \_\_\_ Bull Nosed \_\_\_ Oversized Radius \_\_\_ Ogee \_\_\_ Roman Ogee \_\_\_ Triple Waterfall

# Choosing Your Accessories

## Accessory & Storage systems:

Here are some storage options the may interest you. Natalea Rhea can assist you with these items.



Mixer Shelf Pop Up



Pots n Pans Slide Out



Wood Tiered Cutlery



Lazy Susan



Ironing Board



Pantry Pullout



Multi Storage Unit



Spice Pullout



Wood Tray Divider



Drawer Organizer



Sink Organizing Pullout



Base Warming Drawer Cabinet





**Dressing Suite & Closet Accessories**



**Decorative Accents for Any Room**



**Wood Tie Hangers**



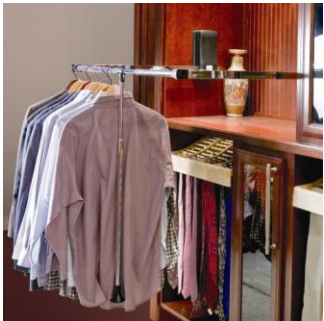
**Laundry Pullouts**



**Valance & Wine Racks**



**Glass Door Selections**



**Pull Down Rods**



**Wood Pants Slide Out**



**Decorative Moldings**



**Decorative Corbels**



**Decorative Feet**



**Hardware**



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