

Kitchen Story Initial Consult Info



Welcome to Kitchen Story!

At Kitchen Story, we believe in transforming your kitchen into a space that reflects your style, meets your functional needs, and brings joy to your daily life. Thank you for considering us to be a part of your kitchen design journey. This document contains essential information for your initial consultation.

Consultation Overview

During the initial consultation, our experienced designers will work closely with you to understand your vision, preferences, and requirements. This is an opportunity for us to get to know you better and gather essential details to create a customized kitchen design plan.

What to Expect

Introduction:

- Meet our design team.
- Brief overview of Kitchen Story's design philosophy.

Your Vision:

- Share your ideas, inspirations, and must-haves.
- Discuss your preferred design style (modern, traditional, transitional, etc.).

Functionality:

- Understand your cooking and lifestyle needs.
- Discuss layout preferences and storage requirements.

Budget and Timeline:

- Establish a realistic budget for the project.
- Discuss the expected timeline for design and installation.

Design Concepts:

- Initial design concepts and sketches will be presented.
- Feedback and adjustments will be discussed.

What to Bring

To make the most of your initial consultation, please bring the following:

- ✓ Floor Plan: If available, bring a copy of your kitchen floor plan.
- ✓ Inspiration: Any magazine clippings, Pinterest boards, or other photos from Instagram.
- ✓ Budget Guidelines: An idea of your budget range for the project.

Next Steps

Following the initial consultation, we will:

- Develop detailed design proposals based on your preferences.
- Provide a comprehensive estimate and project timeline.
- Schedule a follow-up meeting to discuss and finalize the design.

We look forward to embarking on this exciting journey with you and turning your kitchen dreams into reality. If you have any questions before the consultation, feel free to contact us at the provided contact information.

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Customization Options and Budget Ranges

As part of our commitment to creating personalized kitchen designs, we offer a range of customization options to suit your style and preferences. Below, you'll find an overview of budget ranges and customization options based on different sizes of kitchens.

	\$15,000- \$20,000	\$20,000 - \$25,000	\$25,000 - \$30,000	\$30,000 - \$40,000	\$40,000- \$50,000	\$50,000 +
Size	Small to Medium	Small to Medium	Medium to Large	Medium to Large	Medium to Large	Medium to Large
Design	Minimal drawers and inserts – mostly standard cupboards	Functional layout with some drawers and possibly storage/corner solutions	Functional layout with the addition of some designer systems such as specialised pullouts, automated lift-up cabinetry, or drawers.			Functional layout with lots of drawers, specialised inserts, and designer details.
Cabinetry	Melamine	Melamine	Melamine and some cabinet upgrades to acrylic.	Melamine, Acrylic or Deignatek Thermoform panels.	Melamine, Acrylic or Deignatek Thermoform panels or veneer or painted fronts	Melamine, Acrylic or Deignatek Thermoform panels or veneer or painted fronts
Benchtop	Laminate/HPL or some lower grade engineered stone	Entry level engineered stone 20-30mm thickness	Mid to high level engineered stone, possible upgrades for waterfall ends or thicker benchtops	Mid to high level engineered stone, porcelain or stainless steel or solid timber, possible upgrades for waterfall ends or thicker benchtops	High level engineered stone, porcelain or stainless steel or solid timber, possible upgrades for waterfall ends or thicker benchtops	High level engineered stone, porcelain or stainless steel or solid timber, possible upgrades for waterfall ends or thicker benchtops
Splashback	Tiles – by other	Glass splashback	Glass splashback or engineered stone	Same as benchtop	Same as benchtop	Same as benchtop

These budget ranges and customization options are meant to provide a general guideline. During your consultation, our designers will work with you to fine-tune these details based on your specific needs and preferences.

We look forward to discussing these options further and creating a kitchen design that aligns perfectly with your vision.

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Material Guideline

Cabinetry Type	Description
Melamine	A popular choice, melamine is a low-pressure laminate used in most kitchens. Our colour range includes Melteca, Bestwood, and Prime melamine, and we specialize in 1mm laser edging for a sleek, tight edge look. The extensive colour options allow for creative designs to enhance your space.
Acrylic	Acrylic cabinetry offers a soft matte texture, increased scratch resistance, and fingerprint-resistant technology. Ideal for dark-coloured kitchens, the thermoforming process ensures a seamless, hard-wearing, and moisture-resistant finish.
Lacquer	Opting for a high-quality, customized finish, we use two-pot lacquer for our cabinetry.
Thermoform Dezignatek	Dezignatek panels effortlessly blend aesthetic appeal with functionality. Ensuring durability and various profile choices thermoform is a good panel option for shaker style designs.
Laminate (Formica)	Our laminate (Formica) benchtops offer quick installation, a great colour range, and edge options. While it lasts as long as needed, it's important to note that it may not be as hard-wearing as stone tops.
Engineered Stone	Engineered stone benchtops, a quartz and resin composite, provide a hardwearing and stain-resistant surface. Templated after cabinet installation, the process takes 2-3 weeks, especially when mitring benchtops to 40mm-100mm, involving meticulous labour. Our selection includes brands like Uniquartz, Caesarstone, Silestone, and Archant stone.
Porcelain	Resembling giant porcelain tiles, our porcelain benchtops are fired at over 1200°C, ensuring resistance to wear, mechanical stress, and thermal stress. Hygienic, scratch-free, and colour-stable, porcelain offers a durable surface without resins. Templating is required for installation.
Stainless Steel	For a sleek and modern look, our stainless-steel tops require custom templating and on-site welding for seamless joints. While durable and easy to clean, it's essential to note that stainless steel does reveal fingerprints.
Acrylic Benchtop	A non-porous and anti-bacterial option, our 100% acrylic benchtops allow for seamless joints. While surface scratches may accumulate over time, using an abrasive cleaning solution like Jif can restore the appearance. Avoid placing hot pots directly on the surface to prevent bruising, especially near seamless joints to avoid reactivating the glue.
Natural Stone	These stone options provide durability, resistance to heat and scratches, and a range of unique patterns and colours, ensuring a lasting and technically refined enhancement to your culinary space.
Handles	Explore our wide range of handles, available in various brands, finishes, and styles, each with its unique pricing.
Handleless Options	Cost-effective handleless options include negative detail openings like Vercelli rail. For those seeking a more advanced solution, push-to-open hardware is available, though it comes with a higher cost. We recommend experiencing it in our showroom, and for functional designs like bins, adding a push-to-open mechanism can provide convenience.

Warranty Information

When you choose quality Kitchen Story / Mastercraft Hobsonville joinery, it is backed by our Exclusive 10 Year Transferable Craftsmanship Guarantee.

We are sure you will enjoy many trouble-free years with your Kitchen, however, in the unlikely event that something does go wrong, we've got you covered.*

Mastercraft's 10 Year Transferable (Between Owners) Craftsmanship Guarantee

There is no doubt that your new kitchen is a significant investment. Having a guarantee covering your investment is important for your peace of mind.

As the owner of a Mastercraft Kitchen, you will receive our 10 Year Craftsmanship Guarantee that is Transferable (Between Owners).

Each Mastercraft Kitchens location guarantees their products, manufactured in-house, to be free from defects arising from faulty craftsmanship, for each and every owner of the property, for ten years from the date of installation.

All other products supplied through Mastercraft Kitchens carry the guarantees issued by individual product partners.

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