



IKEA kitchen planning guide



→ **from start**

to finish

This guide will help you through all the steps you need to take along the way, including everything from finding your style and measuring your IKEA kitchen to plan, order and install it.

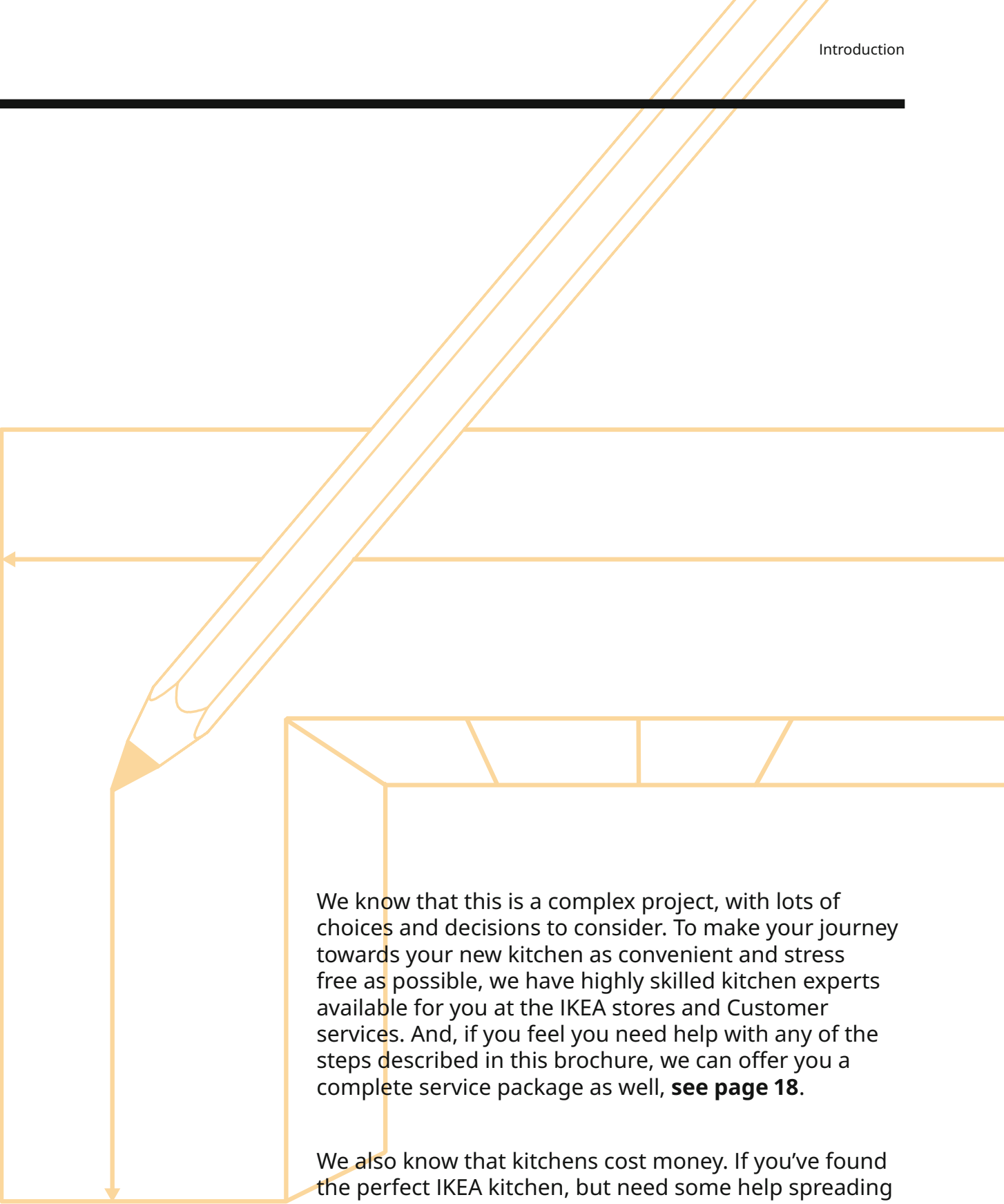


Let's get started



with your new IKEA kitchen

At IKEA, you'll find all the products you need to realise a complete dream kitchen. Whether your kitchen is large or small, we can offer you a wide range of well-designed and coordinated kitchen products that'll support your every need, style and personality. Plus, we've designed our kitchens to be simple enough for you to put together by yourself.



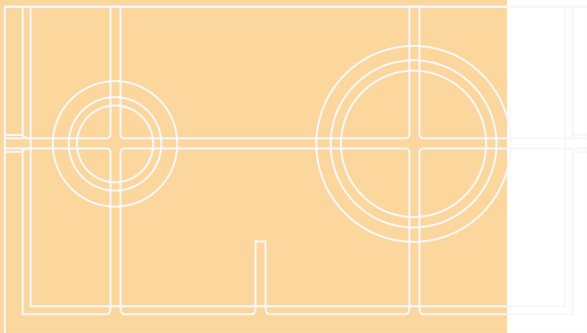
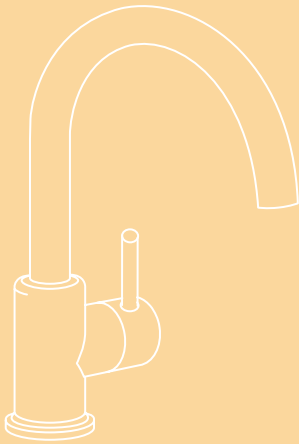
We know that this is a complex project, with lots of choices and decisions to consider. To make your journey towards your new kitchen as convenient and stress free as possible, we have highly skilled kitchen experts available for you at the IKEA stores and Customer services. And, if you feel you need help with any of the steps described in this brochure, we can offer you a complete service package as well, **see page 18.**

We also know that kitchens cost money. If you've found the perfect IKEA kitchen, but need some help spreading the cost, we can offer you finance options to help make your dream a reality, **see page 18.**



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What type of kitchen are you looking for?

Take some time to dream a little

This is when your dreams and ideas will start to take shape. Add your needs and what your ideal kitchen looks like and you'll for sure find a perfect match at IKEA.



Consider if you're more of a classic type who likes a kitchen with lots of details...



...or if you like a more modern approach with streamlined designs and drawers hidden behind larger fronts...



...Or, perhaps you're somewhere in between and want the best from both worlds?

What type of kitchen are you looking for?

Whether you're looking for a complete kitchen system like METOD that you can personalise any way you want, or a simpler kitchen that you can install in a day,

we have what you're looking for. Here you have three different types of IKEA kitchens to suit different needs and wishes.



METOD kitchen system

Our METOD kitchen system includes cabinets in several different sizes to fit your room layout as well as your kitchen habits. The flexibility of the system offers endless of choices, giving you the freedom to customise a kitchen that's ideal for you and your space. We've also developed an extensive range of kitchen organisers and interior fittings allowing you to quickly see and reach even the things furthest back in the corner cabinets. In addition you have a vast choice in front expressions, worktops, lighting, sinks, taps, knobs, handles and much more to personalise every inch of your kitchen



ENHET kitchen

Whatever shape your homes takes, your ENHET kitchen will fit right in. Find pre-combined and affordable solutions online and assemble them without special tools – they are simply clicked together. ENHET gives you great freedom to personalise your kitchen, offering open and closed storage, doors in different colours, as well as different accessories.



KNOXHULT kitchen

KNOXHULT comes in pre-set modules that you can arrange the way you prefer. Together with our LAGAN appliances you can get a complete kitchen with all the basic functions you need at a low price. Add sink, tap, knobs and handles of your choice to complete the look. The simplicity of the pre-set modules makes the installation so easy that you can have a fully functional kitchen up and running the same day you bring it home from the IKEA store.

Discover all the styles, functions and ideas that we can provide you with.



The IKEA store

At your local IKEA store, you can stroll around in several built-up kitchens in different sizes and styles. Open up doors and drawers to reveal what's inside, check out the functions in our appliances and have a chat with our kitchen experts to get even more ideas. Book an appointment online at **IKEA.be**



The IKEA website



On our website, you'll find an abundance of stylish and functional ideas for your kitchen. Check out a gallery of kitchen inspiration on the kitchen department pages. Plus, we've broken down each kitchen into its components to make it easier for you to mix, match and create the kitchen of your dreams. See more at **IKEA.be**.

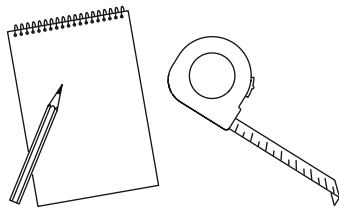
Measure

Be thorough when measuring

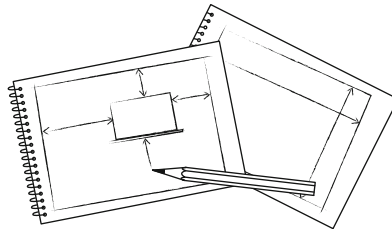
To measure the room in which you will install your kitchen isn't hard to do, but it's important that you get it right. Your measurements will be the basis for all your planning.

Give yourself plenty of time to measure precisely. Make sure to make your measurements in millimetres to make sure your new kitchen correctly fits your space. Here's how you do it.

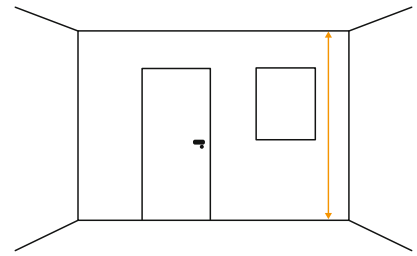
Measuring your room



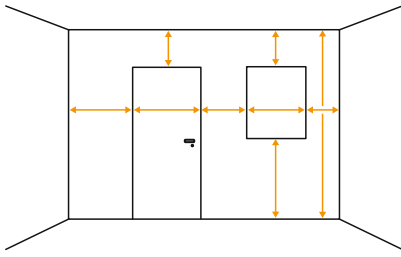
01 Have proper tools handy - pen, paper and measuring tools.



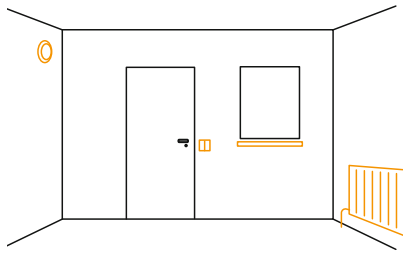
02 Draw your room layout on a sheet of paper. We recommend having one piece of paper for each wall.



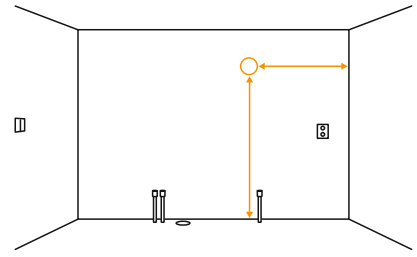
03 Measure the floor to ceiling, marking the highest and lowest points.



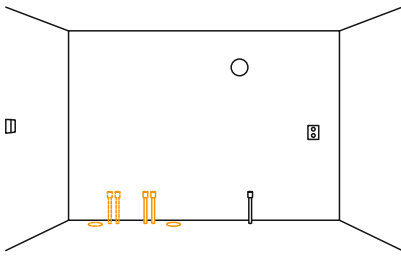
04 Measure each wall fully from floor to ceiling and from doors to windows. Remember to include door and window frames.



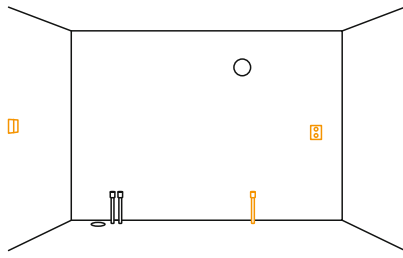
05 Note anything that sticks out of the room (radiators, ventilation shafts, window sills).



06 Measure ventilation outlet for kitchen extractor hood.



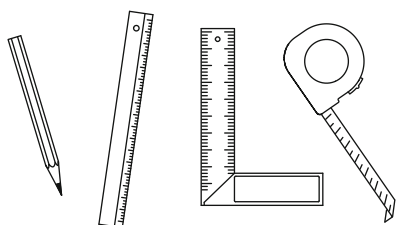
07 Note all water supply and drain pipes, as well as their new location if you plan to move them.



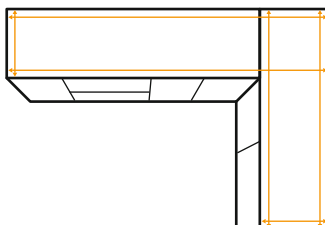
08 Mark existing power outlets, switches, and gas lines, as well as their new locations if you plan to move them.

Measuring your worktop

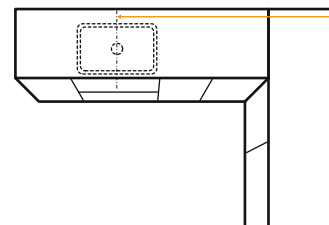
It is important to get the measurements for your worktop right, especially if you plan to order a custom-made one.



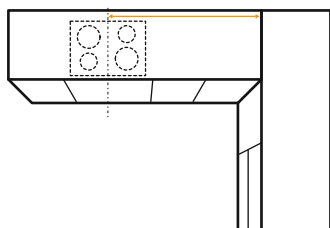
01 Have proper tools handy. Carpenters rule/ tape measure, pencil and angle square.



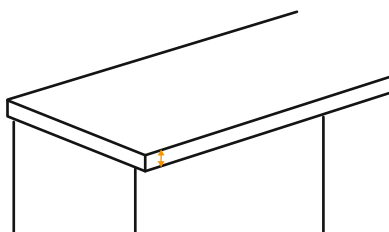
02 Measure your worktop starting from one corner to the opposite end. Secure that all length and depth measurements are taken from at least two places. Don't forget to add 30 mm to the length of cover panel and overhang.



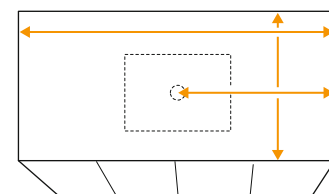
03 Measure from the corner of the worktop to the centre of the base cabinet where your sink is located.



04 Then measure from the corner to the centre of your hob. Notice where the joints are and keep this in mind.

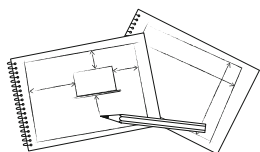


05 Measure the thickness of your worktop.



06 If you have a kitchen island, don't forget to take measurements of your existing worktop, including the centre of cut-outs.

Kitchen measuring and tools



Take your own measurements:

A great kitchen plan starts by taking accurate measurements. To measure your kitchen yourself, follow the steps 1–8 on this page.



Custom worktop calculator

This calculator lets you design your kitchen worktop and get the price estimate immediately. Combine different worktop and kitchen sink materials, sizes and styles for our kitchen range, and create a worktop that's perfect for you.



Scan code to see film
"How to measure your
IKEA kitchen"



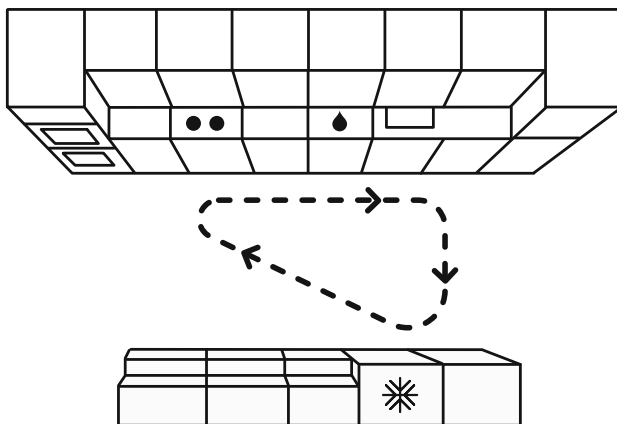
Plan your kitchen

Now it's time to make your dreams and ideas take shape

There are a lot of things to consider and think about. Take your time to make sure you end up with the kitchen you wished for. On the following pages we've gathered recommendations and tips that'll help you along the way.

Think about how you normally use your kitchen and what feels comfortable for you. Look at your existing kitchen and make a list of the things you like and what you'd want to change.

Workflow



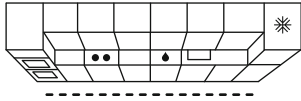
A good natural flow between the fridge/freezer, the cooking zone and the washing up zone will make your everyday kitchen life a lot easier.

When planning your kitchen, keep the three work zones in mind:

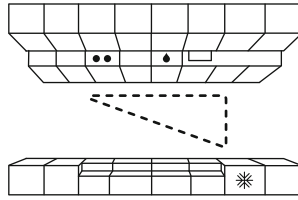
Preparing/cooking
Washing up
Food storage

How you position your work zones and the distance between them is called a working triangle. A good working triangle helps you to move quickly and easily from task to task – and it simplifies if you're more than one person in the kitchen doing different tasks at the same time.

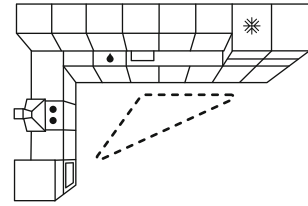
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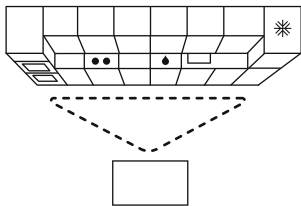
01 Single-line kitchens are perfect when space is limited. It's not strictly speaking a triangle, but the three points are still connected.



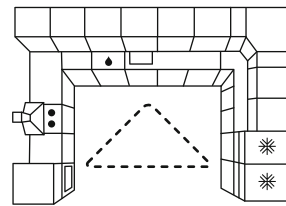
02 Parallel kitchens are great if you have many people cooking at the same time. There's lots of room for food preparations and storage, too.



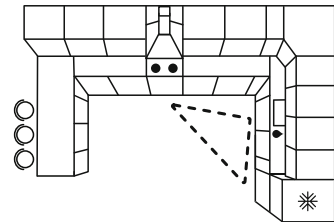
03 L-shaped kitchens make the most of a corner. They're ideal if you want to add a small dining table or kitchen island as well.



04 If you have space, adding an island to your kitchen gives you extra storage, lots of work space – plus, it's a great social hub. Give yourself 1200 mm between the island and other cabinets to move around freely.



05 If you have a large room, the U-shaped layout is great. It gives you maximum space and plenty of storage options.



06 A U-shaped kitchen with a peninsula provides plenty of storage and a functional workspace for food preparations. With an overhang on the exterior side combined with bar stools you get a convenient place to sit in the kitchen.

Kitchen planning



The Kitchen planner:

You can plan your kitchen yourself using the Kitchen planner online. To make sure your design is ready to be purchased and installed, request a free plan validation before ordering.



Kitchen planning service:

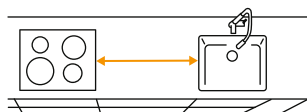
Remote and in-store services are also available. Each includes a one-on-one session with a professional kitchen planner. At the end of your service you'll receive a full kitchen plan, as well as product and installation quotes.



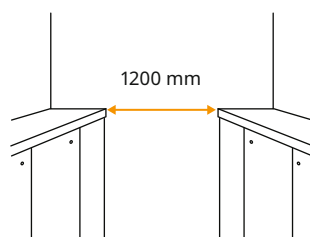
Recommendations

Here are some recommendations in order to get the most of your kitchen.

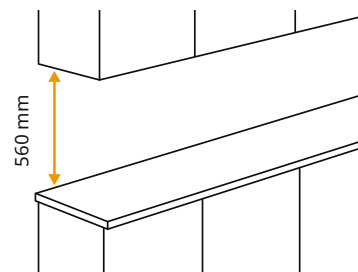
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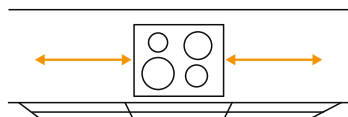
01 The best place for preparing food is the work surface between the hob and the sink.



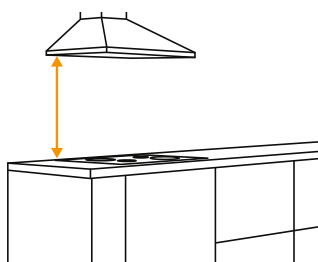
02 Make sure that the distance between opposite rows of cabinets is wide enough for doors on both sides to be opened at the same time.



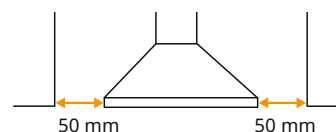
03 Place the wall cabinets high enough not to block the view over the worktop.



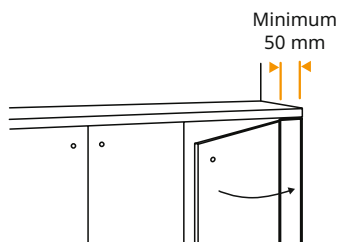
04 Make space next to the hob for pot stands, where you can place hot objects.



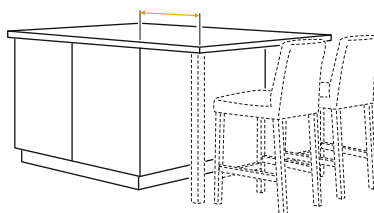
05 For safety and functionality, follow the recommended height as shown in the assembly instruction for the extractor hood. The height is different whether it is an induction or a gas hob installed in the kitchen.



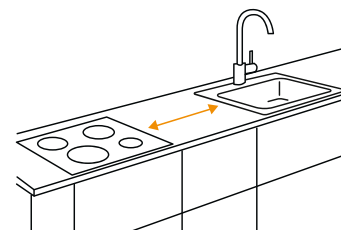
06 Leave space for cover panels if you'll have wall cabinets next to the extractor hood/fan.



07 Place a filler piece (minimum 50 mm) between base as well as wall cabinets and the wall to ensure space enough to open doors and drawers fully.



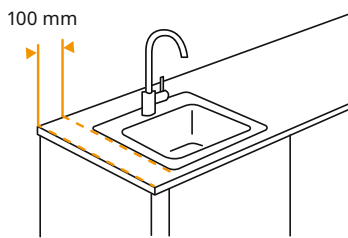
08 If the worktop protrudes over the cabinet more than 250 mm, add an extra support.



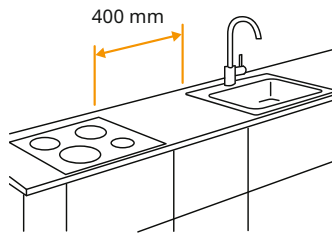
09 Place the sink and hob in the same line to avoid having to move hot objects over the floor.

Keep in mind for small space solutions

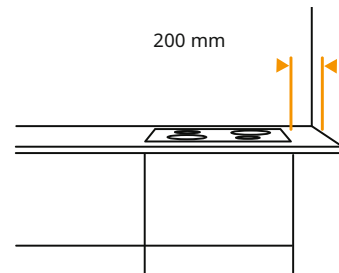
When space is limited, there are always options to make it work.



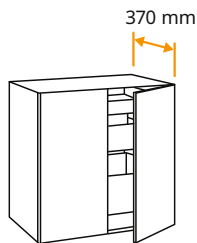
01 Use a small sink that fits into a 600 mm cabinet. Make sure to have at least 100 mm between the sink and the edges of the worktop to make the construction sturdy.



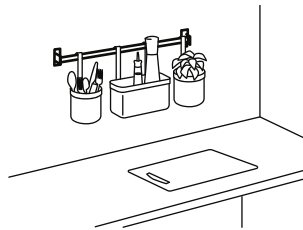
02 To have a good preparation area try to squeeze in at least 400 mm workspace between the hob and the sink.



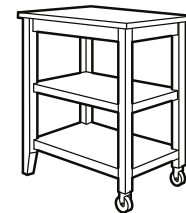
03 Have at least 200 mm space between the hob and the wall for safe cooking.



04 If your space is too narrow for 600 mm deep cabinets, you can use 370 mm deep cabinets instead.

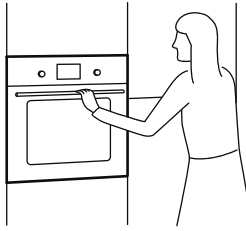


05 Make use of the wall to maximise storage opportunities and free up space on the worktop.

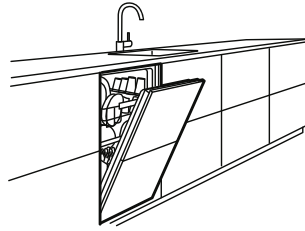


06 Add a trolley to optimise your small space and create more storage possibilities.

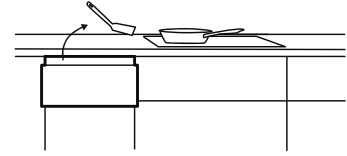
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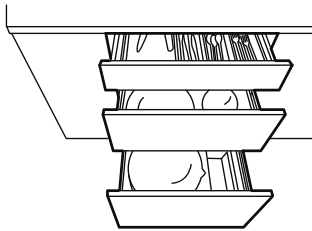
01 An elevated oven means you won't have to bend down to reach it.



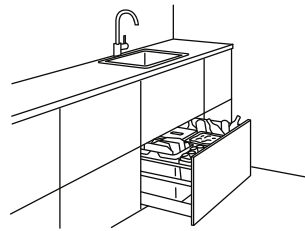
02 Locate the dishwasher close to the water supply and drain pipes. Having the dishwasher close to the sink makes loading easier and avoids spills on the floor.



03 Keep utensils, pots and pans close to the hob and sink for easy access when preparing and cooking. Keep cutlery in a drawer close to the dinner table.



04 Drawers offer great overview and easy access to the things you need. Add drawer mats to keep things from moving around in the drawers and to reduce noise when putting things in drawers.



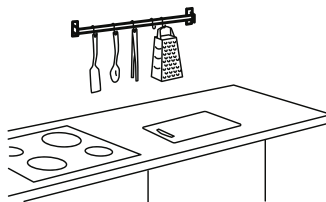
05 Place your waste sorting bins in a drawer under, or close to, the sink for easy access.



06 Push openers are great if you have your hands full and need to open a drawer with your knee or elbow – and to avoid leaving stains on the fronts and handles with sticky fingers.

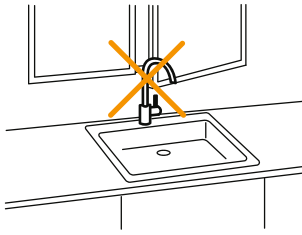


07 Optimise the space behind your fronts with inner drawers. The outside can stay sleek while the inside is filled to the brim with drawers.

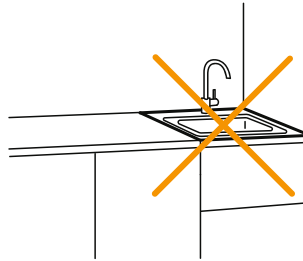


08 Use wall rails and accessories to make best use of wall space as well as to minimise clutter on the worktop. In addition, you'll get the things you use often close at hand for efficient cooking.

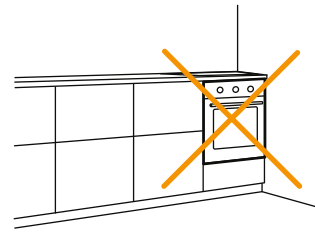
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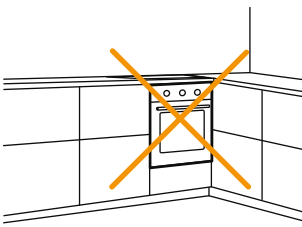
01 A sink by the window is nice when washing up. If your windows open inwards however, make sure they won't be blocked by the tap.



02 Placing a sink next to a wall or at the end of a row of cabinets disrupts work flow by limiting available workspace.



03 An oven next to a wall disrupts work flow by limiting available workspace, and it'll put the wall at risk from heat and cooking stains.

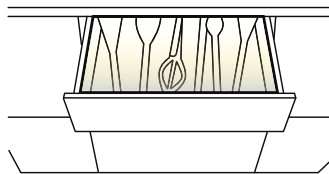


04 Positioning appliances like ovens, dishwasher or extractor hoods in corners might block cabinets and drawers from opening fully.

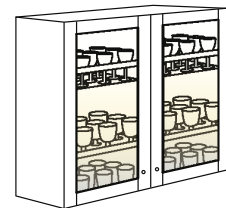
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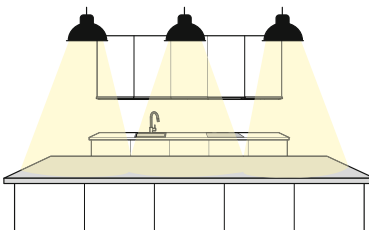
01 Good lighting that illuminates an even light over the entire worktop creates a functional workspace.



02 Use drawer lighting to find what you're looking for also when the kitchen isn't fully lit.



03 Display your finest glasses on tempered glass shelves behind glass doors. Add cabinet lighting to enhance a cosy atmosphere as well as to make the room look bigger.



04 Kitchen island lighting is needed to light up the area and to provide task lighting above the workspace. It is also a way to round out your general lighting in the room.



Checklist

Keep in mind

Before calling customer service or visiting our kitchen experts at the IKEA store, please have the following in mind to make your planning as easy and efficient as possible:

You'll need to bring:

- ☐ Your kitchen measurements
- ☐ Your Kitchen Planner log in details

It's good if you've considered:

- ☐ Cabinets and drawers
- ☐ Doors and drawer fronts
- ☐ Knobs and/or handles
- ☐ Worktops
- ☐ Sinks
- ☐ Taps
- ☐ Oven
- ☐ Microwave oven
- ☐ Hob
- ☐ Hood - what kind of ventilation do you have?
- ☐ Fridge/freezer
- ☐ Dishwasher
- ☐ Lighting – work and ambient light

Think about services, too:

- ☐ Measure
- ☐ Planning
- ☐ Finance
- ☐ Picking
- ☐ Picking and delivery
- ☐ Delivery
- ☐ Installation

Order, get it home and install

When you're satisfied with your kitchen plan, it's time to order it

However, we recommend that you drop by your local IKEA store to visit our kitchen experts before you do. They'll help you with anything you feel uncertain

about, and they'll go through your plan to make sure everything fits. Afterwards you can make your order right there and then if you like.

You have three options for how to place an order for your kitchen:

01



In the kitchen department at your local IKEA store.

02



On our website:



03



Directly in the Kitchen Planner



You can do it yourself but you don't have to

IKEA Kitchens are designed to be installed by you

Start by picking up the kitchen installation guide at your local IKEA store (or use the digital version on the IKEA website). It shows you how to do it yourself, step by step. In addition it's important that you follow the assembly instructions that are included in all product packaging.

Installation guide

In these guides you'll get an overview of in what order to install your IKEA kitchen, as well as tips and ideas on how to solve tricky challenges.

If you want help with some or the complete installation you can either hire a craftsman of your own choosing, or take advantage of our Kitchen installation services.

Read more about our installation services on **page 21**.



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Services

Our broad service offer gives you the freedom to design your own price tag by choosing not only the products that suits your budget but also deciding how

much you want to do yourself and how much you want us to do for you. Below you'll find all the services that we can offer, and how much each of them costs.



Finance

If you've found the perfect kitchen for you, but need some help spreading the cost, we can offer you a range of finance options to help make your dream a reality.



Planning

Get help with the planning of your new kitchen, by booking an appointment with one of our experts at IKEA. You bring the measurements and drawing or a picture of the area we will help you with functional solutions for everything from the placement of cabinets to appliances, and storage to lighting and sinks.

To read more about our different planning services - Remote, In-store or In-home and for pricing as well as to book your appointment, visit [IKEA.be](https://www.ikea.be).





Collection

Save time on your next shopping trip. Submit your order online, and we'll have it ready to pick up when you arrive.



Delivery

Whether you're shopping in store or online, and no matter how big the purchase, we'll do the heavy lifting and bring it to your home or business.





Kitchen installation

You choose what you want help with. Rest assured that the installation is done properly as we can provide a 3-year guarantee on the workmanship. We also take all the packaging with us for recycling when your new kitchen is in place.

Assembly service

Assembly of cabinets, doors, drawer fronts, handles, worktops, interiors, and side panels.

Installation

Installation of worktop lighting, gas and/or electric appliances, sinks and wash-basin mixer taps that you've purchased from us.

More information and guidance



The Kitchen Planner

Want a kitchen that is perfect for your unique space? Design the METOD kitchen of your dreams in a 3D environment. Our free kitchen planner, paired with your imagination, can help bring your ideal kitchen to life. We can show you a realistic picture of how to create a space that works for you. Print out your drawings and product list at home, or save to the IKEA website. At the IKEA store you can discuss your design and get lots of advice and guidance from our kitchen experts. Learn more at **IKEA.be**



Kitchen configurator

You can rely on the ENHET kitchen configurator to make your purchase as fast and smooth as possible. After you have chosen your favourite ENHET kitchen, you can use the kitchen configurator online to customise it and style it to suit you even more. When you are happy with the result, just add appliances and lighting and you are ready to go.

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On the pages in the kitchen department online, you can explore our different kitchen systems and find lots of inspiration and ideas to get the most out of your kitchen, whether it's a new one or an old that you want to freshen up. Plus, here you'll find all products that you can imagine to personalise and create the kitchen of your dreams.

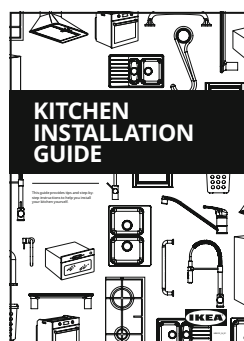
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Buying guides

These buying guides offer guidance in building your kitchen as well as planning the inside of the cabinets.



Installation guides

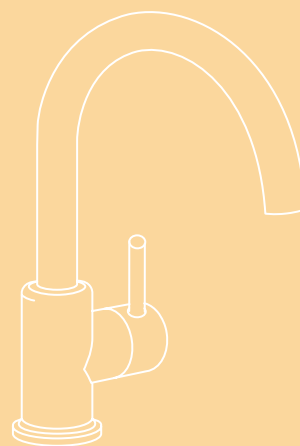
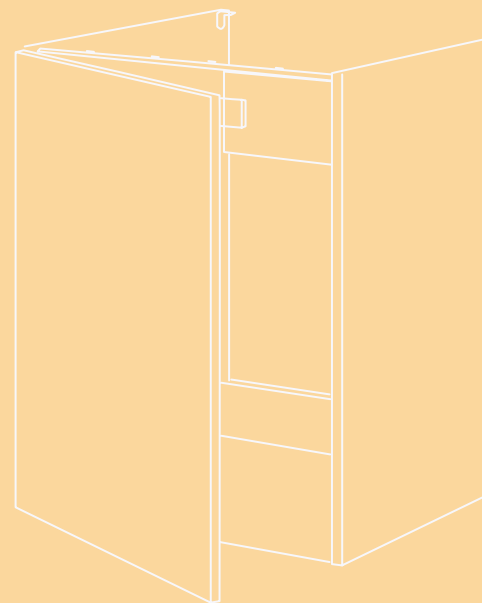
These guides provide you with tips and step-by-step instructions on how to install your kitchen on your own.



Guarantee brochure

Everyday life at home puts high demands on a kitchen, which is why we test our kitchens thoroughly to ensure that they can take being exposed to heavy weights, high temperatures and everyday use.

The guarantees are valid for domestic kitchen use and are subject to the terms and conditions stated in this folder.



*You can pick up all brochures and guides at your local IKEA store, or flip them through on **IKEA.be***

Remember, it's okay to change your mind.

For complete peace of mind, if you get your kitchen home and you have a change of heart, you've got 365 days to return it. Just keep your receipt safe to make returns easier.



For more information, please scan the code to see our Return policy.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us:

Customer services

