Kitchen Remodel Budget Checklist

12 Costs St. Louis Homeowners Forget to Budget For

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A kitchen remodel in the St. Louis market typically runs $10,000-$15,000 for a cosmetic refresh, $25,000-$40,000 mid-range, and $50,000-$80,000 for a custom project. The items below are where budgets most often get surprised - check each one before you sign a proposal.

1. Layout changes
Moving the sink, range or walls is the single biggest budget lever. Keeping the layout is the easiest way to hold budget.

2. Cabinets
Usually the largest single line item. Refacing vs. new semi-custom vs. fully custom swings the budget more than any other choice.

3. Countertop material
Natural stone, quartz and laminate sit at very different price points - decide early.

4. Appliances
Professional-grade ranges, refrigeration and built-ins add up fast; include delivery and hookup.

5. Pre-1970 surprises
Older homes often hide outdated electrical, plumbing and framing. Budget a 10-20% contingency if your home was built before 1970.

6. Permits and code upgrades
Permit fees plus bringing wiring, plumbing or venting up to current code.

7. Plumbing and electrical moves
Every relocated line adds labor. Keeping fixtures in place saves real money.

8. Flooring
New floor material, subfloor repairs, and whether flooring runs under the cabinets.

9. Lighting
Recessed lights, under-cabinet lighting, pendants - plus the electrician time to wire them.

10. Sink, faucet and hardware
Fixtures and cabinet hardware are small lines that quietly total four figures.

11. Living without a kitchen
Weeks of takeout, a temporary kitchen setup, or short-term storage during the build.

12. Haul-away and disposal
Demolition debris, dumpster rental and disposal fees for the old kitchen.

Get an exact number for your kitchen

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