

# Hot & TRENDY

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## Kitchen and Bath Planning – a word to the wise

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First of all, when it comes to any major project, you can never start too early in the planning process. If you are serious about remodeling your kitchen or bath you should connect with a designer as soon as possible. That relationship is so important! You will be spending a lot of time with this professional so you want to be sure that you feel confident in their experience and comfortable with their personality.

In deciding how you want to remodel a space doing some homework ahead of time is beneficial to everyone. There are web sites to go to (my favorite is [www.houzz.com](http://www.houzz.com)), magazines to pour through and different retail centers to visit (i.e. appliance dealers or plumbing showrooms). You will want to have a collection of ideas to bring to the designer. One hint, though, is to make notes as to why you have chosen that

particular picture or idea. You would be surprised how easy it is to forget a month later why you selected it!

Another thing I suggest is to leave a pad of paper and a pen handy in the room you plan to remodel. As you cook in the kitchen or get ready for work in the bathroom take notes on things that are important. Write down both the good and the bad issues you come across. Then when you start the interview process with the designer the more information that you have in the beginning about your wants, needs and “hope to haves”, the smoother the project will go.

So – in conclusion – give yourself a chance to think about the changes you want and allow plenty of time to work through the design process.

Stayed tuned for more tips and ideas....

Nancy Bither has a total of 29 years experience in the building supply business. For 21 of those years, she has specialized in kitchen and bath design and sales. As the Director of Design at Atlantic Design Center, Nancy oversees the design standards and project details for each designer. She is certified by the National Kitchen & Bath Association (NKBA) for both Kitchen and Bath Design, and was a founding member of the NKBA Maine chapter. Nancy's designs have been featured in national publications, in addition to an array of local designer show houses. As a designer, Nancy enjoys the challenge of making each kitchen unique to each homeowner. She especially loves designing other rooms in the home such as laundry rooms, entertainment centers and home offices.

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