

THE HARDT OF THE HOME

Customizing your kitchen with Hardt Construction Services

THE KITCHEN IS THE HEART OF THE HOME — SO WHY not make it beautiful?! Enhancing a kitchen’s functionality is the top priority when it comes to a home remodel. It can be relatively simple and cost-effective if you approach it with the right remodel mindset. The kitchen is a focal point and a main space for family and guests — from making our morning cup of coffee to preparing a sumptuous dinner. With built-in custom kitchen solutions from extra faucets to kick drawer cabinets and hidden built-in gadgets — these real solutions can lighten the load of everyday tasks. “When designing a kitchen, consider all factors such as appliances, accessibility, accents and minor details that make all the difference to the overall aesthetic of your home,” suggests Michelle Hardt, co-owner of Hardt Construction Services (HCS). Here are some unique and useful additions to customizing a well-designed kitchen:



Coffee bar

A coffee bar is an excellent addition to a kitchen. Think of an espresso bar within the convenience of your own home — whip up a latte anytime you want! Set up your espresso machine, Keurig, a French press — whatever your caffeine brewing weapon of choice, on a sleek marble counter with its own faucet and glass display cabinets or floating shelves to show off coffee mugs or decadent tea sets.

Island

An island is one of the main ways to create more space and open the layout of a kitchen. An island can function as a countertop and a dining table by tucking in trendy bar stools.

Sink space

Adding two sinks to a kitchen significantly upgrades your meal prep game. Simple solutions include installing your main sink beneath a window and adding a prep sink at the island or coffee bar — or even a pot filler faucet over the stove!

All about drawers

Soft-close drawers are a must! No more worrying about drawers slamming shut or not closing all the way. It’s a great option with kiddos, too!

Adding slide-in pantry drawers, kick drawers beneath your cabinets, and deep drawers for pots and pans is a game changer to maximizing kitchen storage space.

Extra closet space

Adding a small tucked-away broom closet for cleaning supplies can eliminate eyesores in your kitchen and conventionalize your space.

Set the mood

Lighting sets the mood and overall ambiance of a room. For elegant kitchen lighting, opt for overhead can-lighting with pendant lights and accent lights to highlight specific areas such as the stove, wet bar and kitchen island.

It’s all in the appliances

From refrigerators to stovetop solutions, stainless steel is best for durability and design. In terms of stove trends, stoves with a back panel are outdated. Instead, opt for slide-in ranges that are easier to clean and give a sleeker stovetop appearance.

Knowing when to splurge and when to save is a tough call. However, well-crafted, durable appliances will save you time in the long run and are a definite

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splurge. Whether you’re looking to remodel for yourself or to fetch a higher price when selling — investing in functional, high-performance appliances gives you a better bang for your buck.

Hardt says, “These kitchen customizations not only improve cooking and dining experiences but make your life a whole lot easier. Custom kitchens are the way to enhance your everyday living and upgrade the cost of your home when looking to sell.”

For a consultation on designing your kitchen remodel, contact Hardt Construction Services at 661-333-7541. ■



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