# considering KITCHEN CHOICES

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### By making home improvements,

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you can give your home an exciting new appearance and increase its market value. The room that gets one of the top considerations for change is the kitchen. For most people, about half of the time you are at home and awake is spent in the kitchen. Making changes to your kitchen can express a lot about yourself through the style and layout used. There are many choices to be made with implementing changes to the kitchen.

#### **Construction of Cabinets**

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Custom cabinets are built to exact specifications and can utilize the most space available without needing space fillers. There

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Kitchen Craft is a locally-owned cabinet shop that has been in business for 25 years. We design and build quality custom cabinetry for your kitchen, bathroom, office, entertainment center and library, as well as other rooms. All our cabinetry is designed, built, and finished in our East Earl shop by highly skilled craftsmen. There is no project too large or too small.



We offer a wide range of options from low cost basic and efficient kitchens to very custom and detailed cabinetry for any room. Our goal is to offer cabinetry at reasonable prices that is designed to last for a long period of time and built to your satisfaction. Give us a call to talk about your next project.

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are also many options with regards to materials and finishes. The use of quality materials, such as multi-layered plywood, which does not deteriorate when the kitchen drain or faucet leaks as particle board would, and solid wood doors, will increase the value of your kitchen. Color in finishes can be used to create a warm and peaceful atmosphere or a lively and upbeat style. A good finish will protect cabinetry for a longer period of time. Stock cabinets can also be used and come in standard sizes. Many stock cabinets offer upgrades that give





you plywood cabinet components. However, there are not as many options with design in using stock cabinets.

#### **Door Styles**

Traditional overlay doors cover some of the cabinet frame while full overlay doors cover most all of the frame. Inset doors sit inside the cabinet frame and beaded inset doors have a bead on the inside edge of the frame. There are many options with door panels with a solid wood

raised panel being one of the most widely used. Your designer can help you select which works best in your home.



The choice of accessories can turn a normal kitchen into a very functional and efficient place. It allows for each cabinet to have a purpose.



Some of these accessories include lazy susan cabinets, sink front trays, silverware and utility organizers, pullout trash cans, tray cabinets, spice racks, canned goods shelves, plate racks, and pullout storage drawers. Certainly with custom cabinets the options are endless. There is no limit to your creative ideas and the ability to make your kitchen a more efficient and enjoyable place. Also, you may want to ask family and friends for ideas of what options they like with their kitchen, especially if they have recently updated their kitchen.

#### **Countertop Options**

There are many options with countertops and each one has its pros and cons. Here are a few of the options available.

Granite adds impressive beauty and value to a kitchen. It holds up to heat and will last a lifetime, which should cause you to consider the quality of the cabinets beneath it.







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Engineered stone is available in a large range of colors and has a nonporous surface which makes it resistant to scratches.

Solid surface tops are as the name says, solid, and can be made seamless and allow for a damaged top to be repaired as good as new. However, they are vulnerable to hot pans which can mar the surface.

Soapstone counters have a smooth feel. deep color, and give a historic feel to a kitchen. They do require applications of mineral oil from time to time.

Laminate counters, which are comparatively inexpensive, are available in a wide variety of colors and styles. Their surface is easy to clean; however, scratches and chips are almost impossible to repair.

Wood or butcher block counters offer a warm look and can be sanded and resealed as needed. They can be damaged by water and stains over time.

These are just a few of the choices that are made when considering a new kitchen for your home. One of the biggest choices to be made is WHERE to buy your kitchen cabinetry.

While there are many national manufacturers to choose from, there are distinct advantages in choosing a reputable LOCAL company to work with. In so doing, you will be working with salespeople who are familiar with local design trends and tastes as well as national ones. If a part needs to be remade, more molding is needed, or design changes are required these parts can be finished a lot faster than parts that need to be shipped in. Also, your cabinetry will be made by craftsmen that receive feedback from other local people who purchased cabinetry there as well. Above all, consider influencing the local economy by buying cabinets that have been made with care by area craftsmen. Not only will you enjoy the value, efficiency and functionality of your new kitchen for many years to come, you'll also have the satisfaction and pride of knowing that it was produced locally.

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