

# 3 THINGS YOU MUST DO BEFORE VISITING A KITCHEN COMPANY



**You have decided you need a kitchen but where do you start? Here are the three things the KSA suggests you do prior to talking to a kitchen company.**

**Set your budget** – It is vital you have a realistic idea of how much you are prepared to spend on this project. Know what your ceiling amount is. People are nervous about telling a kitchen company how much they are prepared to spend – don't be. Without this information the kitchen company will not be able to ascertain if they can deliver the kitchen you are looking for within your budget and how inventive they can be in their design. There are a variety of materials that can be used to obtain the look you want for your kitchen. In knowing your budget the kitchen company will be able to suggest the correct materials to complete the kitchen within the budgeted amount.

**Write a brief** – Draw up a description of the kitchen you want. What are you looking for or trying to achieve in this revamp? Are you looking for more storage space or more work top area? Should the kitchen be a showcase for the rest of the home or a practical family area? Should this be the kitchen to last your family for the next fifteen to twenty years or is it a quick fix to add value to a home you are looking to resell? During

this process you should also try and identify the things you have set your heart on and are not prepared to compromise on. If, for example, you have decided you really want engineered stone tops, mark this down as a non-compromise item. This way the kitchen company will know they need to fit it into your budget and if necessary compromise in other areas to ensure your budget will allow your engineered stone tops.

**Make a mood board** – Go through the glossy magazines and cut out pictures that reflect the look and feel you want for your kitchen. Focus on colour, style, features etc. You should include textures and wood-grains. Look for ideas on layout, colour and material combinations. This will give the kitchen company real insight into how you are picturing your new kitchen and will help them achieve your goal – a dream kitchen.