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KBB'S GUIDE TO BUYING A KITCHEN

As we know this can be a daunting prospect, we've put together an easy-to-follow step-by-step guide, so you'll be able to kick off the process with confidence

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A black handleless kitchen designed by Piqu with Dekton worktops in South East London.

Planning your dream kitchen from scratch can be an exciting but overwhelming task. Whether you're looking to extend your family home or remodel an existing space, our comprehensive guide covers the key essentials to help you plan in those vital early stages. We'll take you through the 10 initial steps, from pulling together that all-important wishlist to comparing quotes before you commit to buy. >

Assess your space - AND YOURSELF

"Take time looking around your existing kitchen and note down the things you like as well as the bugbears – this will be your base," says Tom Howley, design director at Tom Howley. Think about areas where you can maximise your room's potential, but also consider any limitations, such as awkward walls, existing features that can't be moved, or a dark space that would benefit from more glazing.

Then, it's time to look at your lifestyle. "Establishing what kitchen living means to you in terms of the interplay between cooking, dining and social spaces will determine the layout, so really think about your preferences," says Julia Steadman, commercial director at Brandt Design.

Julia Steadman, commercial director at Brandt Design, advises asking yourself these questions before finding a designer:

- How often do you cook from scratch?
- How many people do you usually make meals for?
- Do you prefer to cook with other people or by yourself?
- Have you got young children or older relatives you need to consider and keep an eye on?
- How much storage do you need and what interior style do you prefer?

This kitchen mixes tactile materials for a unique look. The hand-carved Choppy Water design used on the end panel of the island and dining room sideboard helps connect the spaces, with the stained oak cabinetry and aged brass details creating a cohesive feel. Ledbury Studio kitchens start from £50,000.