

Kitchen Planning Guide



To help you stay informed throughout the process of designing your new kitchen we have created a guide to help get your project kickstarted!

Our Kitchen Planning Guide focuses on mapping your space and the available options, rather than choosing styles. This tool will help your designer cater to your individual needs and preferences.

It's important to keep in mind that, although you may remain in your home throughout most kitchen projects, you will not have access to a functional kitchen.

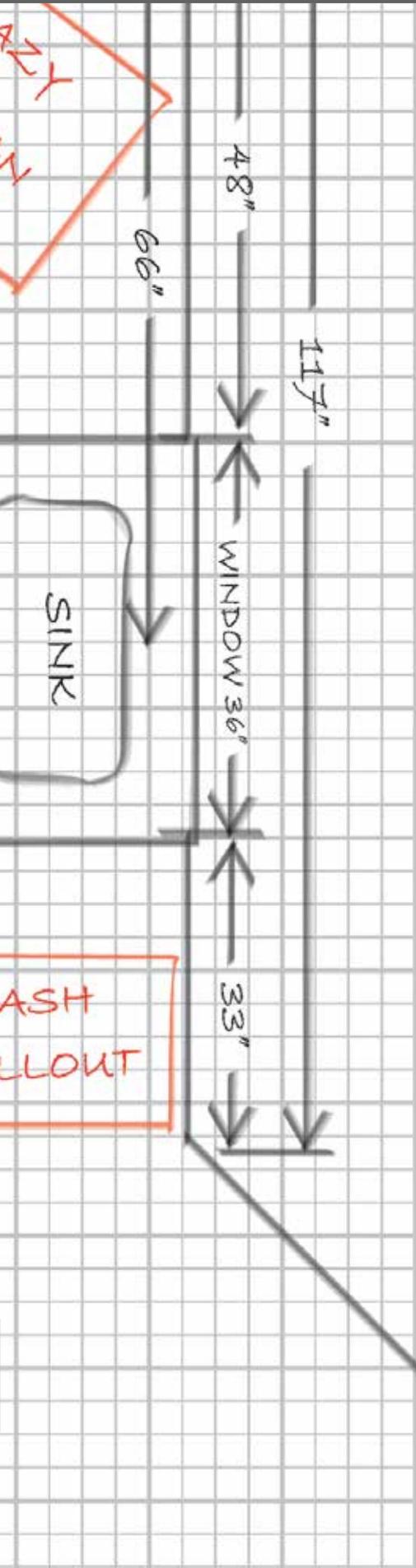
Replacement

A Replacement will not change the layout but will replace the cabinets and countertops. Choosing a new color scheme and cabinet design can drastically improve the look and feel of your space. The Replacement process will take a minimum of 2 weeks, from demolition to completion.

Remodel

A Remodel is a great option for improving functionality and efficiency in your kitchen design. Rather than simply replacing existing cabinets and countertops, a remodel allows for more freedom and creativity. The term remodeling often implies moving utilities and changing the layout and can take a minimum of 4 weeks from demolition to completion.

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Visualizing Your Layout

Learn about cabinet basics and explore cabinet features that will offer easy access to your kitchen essentials and compliment your layout.

- Cabinet Options
- Cabinet Features
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- Finishing Touches

Mapping Your Space

Utilizing the layout grid on page 19, map the space of your current kitchen to create a new plan which details your unique needs.

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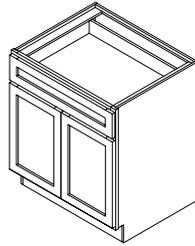


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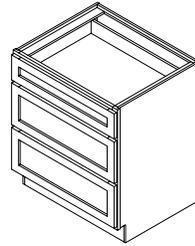
The types of cabinets that you choose will impact the look and functionality of your kitchen. Below are a few examples of standard cabinets.

Base cabinets

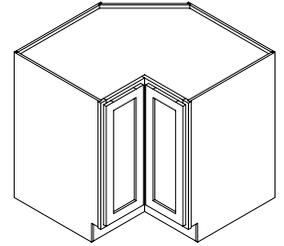
Providing the foundation for your countertops, these cabinets store the majority of your cookware, appliances, and utensils.



Base Cabinet



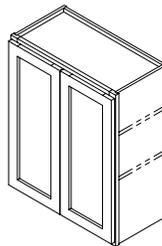
Drawer Base



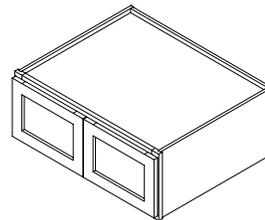
Corner Base

Wall cabinets

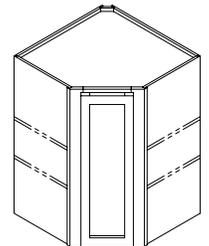
Mounted directly to your wall, these cabinets provide easy-to-reach storage for plates, glassware, and dry foods.



Wall Cabinet



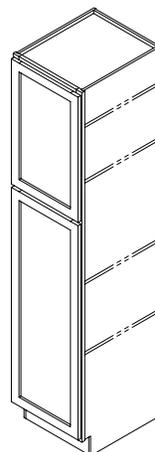
Above Appliance



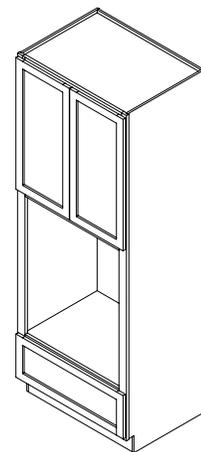
Corner Wall

Tall cabinets

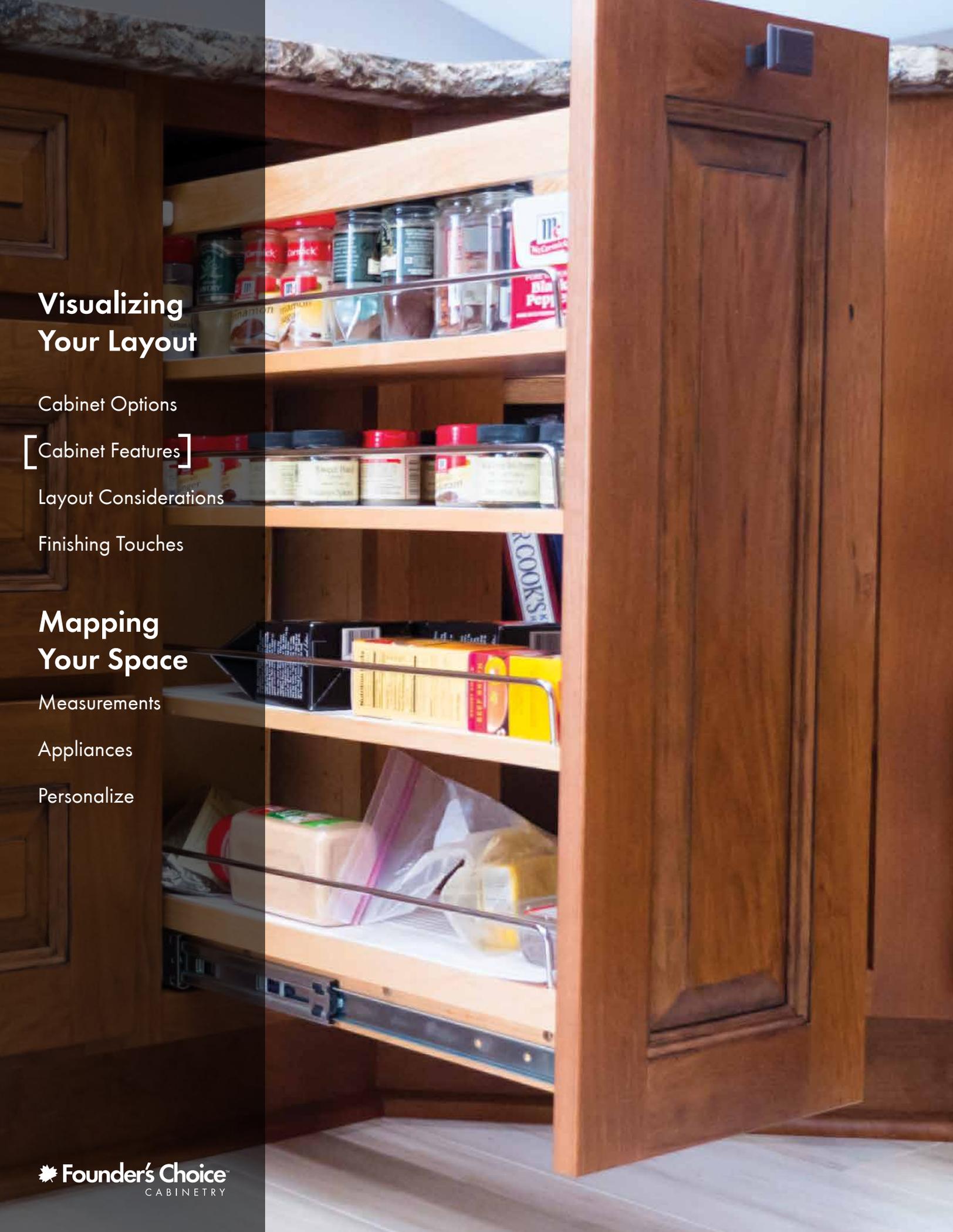
Spanning the entire height of your cabinet arrangement, both of these options would be a great addition to your cabinet run but can also function as stand alone pieces or separate storage units. Perfect for everyday staples and larger items.



Pantry Cabinet



Oven Cabinet



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Organization and countertop space are the keys to every working kitchen. You want the right tools to be easily accessible along with having the space to balance prepping and cooking. The cabinet features we offer will make it easier for your space to meet all your needs by providing storage for many on-counter tools and cooking staples without sacrificing space or easy accessibility.



Lazy Susan

The convenience of this classic in-counter turntable has stood the test of time due to its high functionality.



Cutlery Drawer

This unique design provides an organized way to store cutlery. Choose our two-tier option for double the storage capacity.



Base Pullout

On-counter staples such as flour, sugar, and coffee can be kept out of sight but readily available.



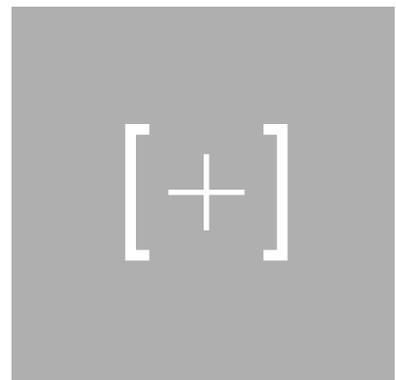
Recycle Center

Keep trash, recycling, and composting bins out of sight and conveniently accessible.



Mixer Lift

Create more counter space in your kitchen by storing your mixer and accessories all in one spot.

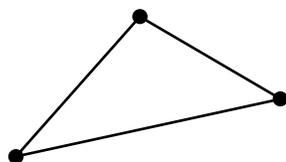


More

We have many more options available. Speak with your Sales Designer to discuss our additional cabinet features.

[Layout Considerations]

It is essential to take many things into consideration; kitchen traffic, doors swing areas, and appliance placement all need to work together to make a safe and organized kitchen. Your Designer will help ensure that your layout improves the efficiency and appearance of your kitchen.



When planning your layout it is advantageous to place the main three workstations, your fridge, stove, and sink, in a triangle. This ensures easy movement between each major appliance.



Appliances

Remember appliance doors on your dishwasher, oven, and fridge also need to be accommodated in your layout.



Safety

Take safety into consideration when arranging your appliances. Pay attention to stove clearance, protected surfaces, and proper ventilation.



Storage

Plan your storage needs ahead of time. Knowing what you will access regularly versus what you store for long periods of time will ensure proper cabinet size and placement.

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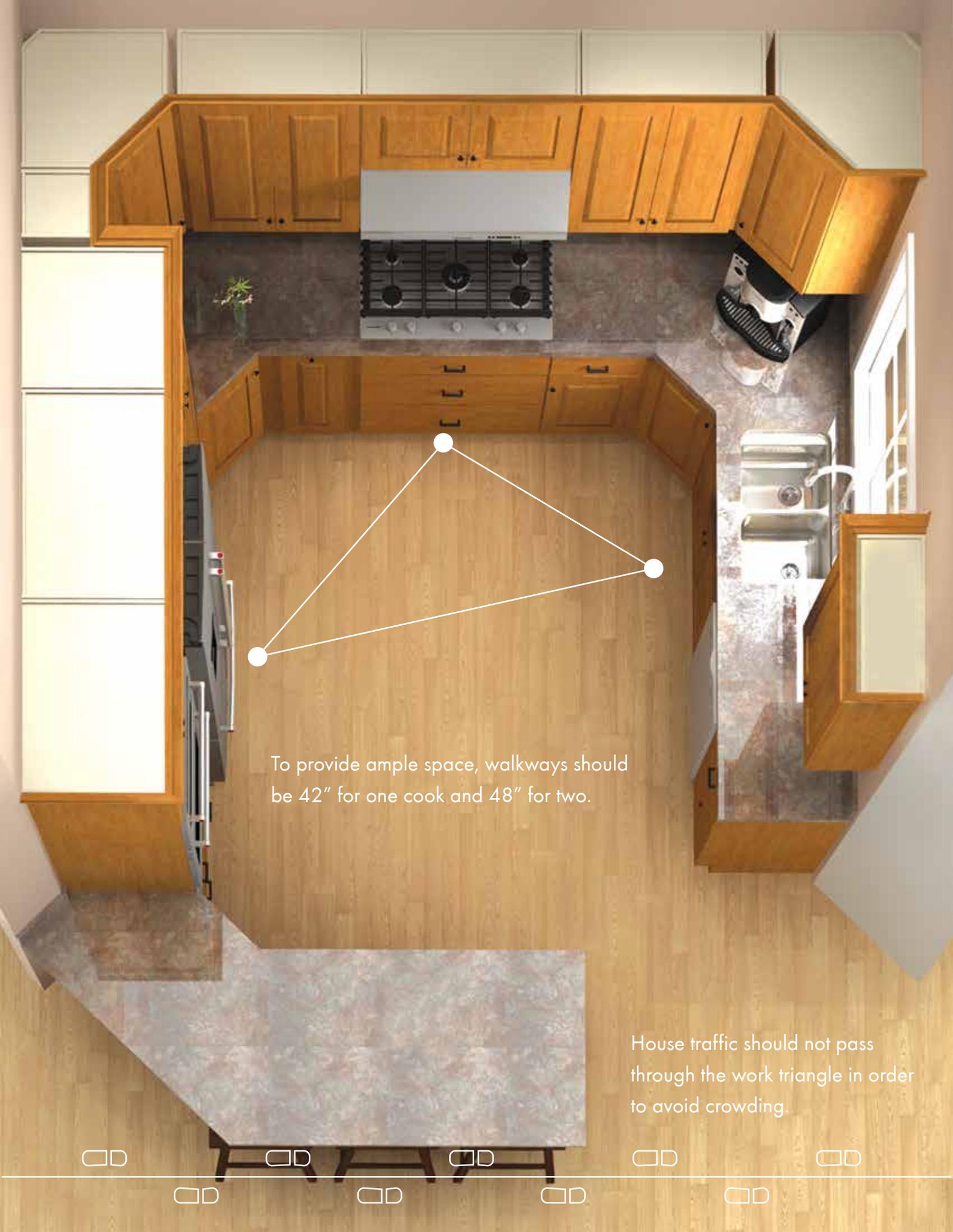
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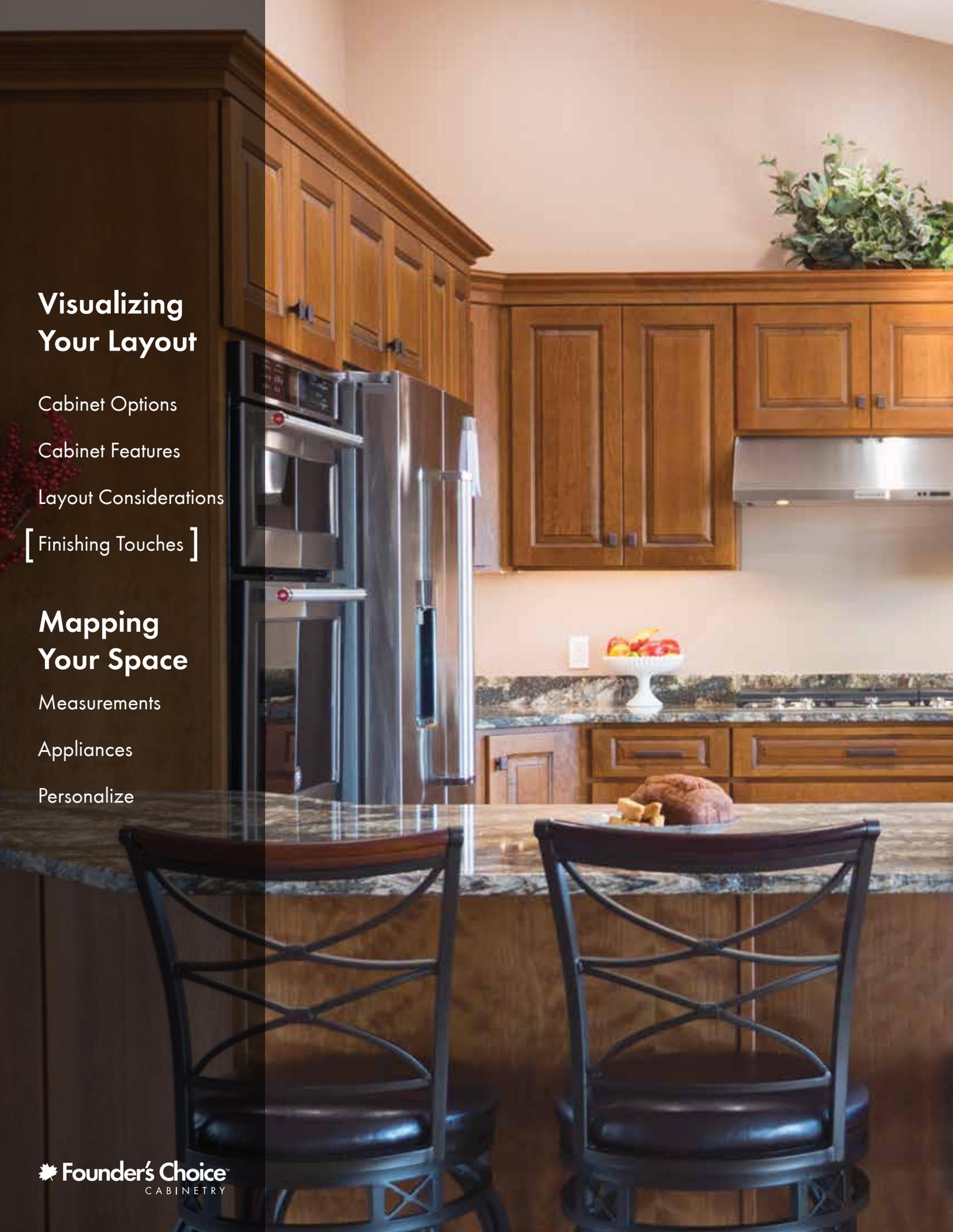
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To provide ample space, walkways should be 42" for one cook and 48" for two.

House traffic should not pass through the work triangle in order to avoid crowding.





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Finishing touches help to define the look and feel of your design. These additional options allow you to achieve your desired style and give a completed feel to your kitchen.



Crown Molding

Crown molding can be used to help your cabinets coordinate with the style of your home. While cabinets may be left without crown for a clean and simplistic look, the addition of crown molding can give your kitchen a more elegant and polished appearance.



Decorative End Panels

Also known as Plant on Doors, these can be added to any end panel whether it's located on the end of a cabinet run or an island. We build these decorative panels to complement the style of your home to provide a traditional style and finished look to your kitchen.



Knobs & Pulls

Choose from our many collections of knobs and pulls to complete your kitchen style.

Talk to your Designer today for additional cabinet accessories to fit your exact needs!

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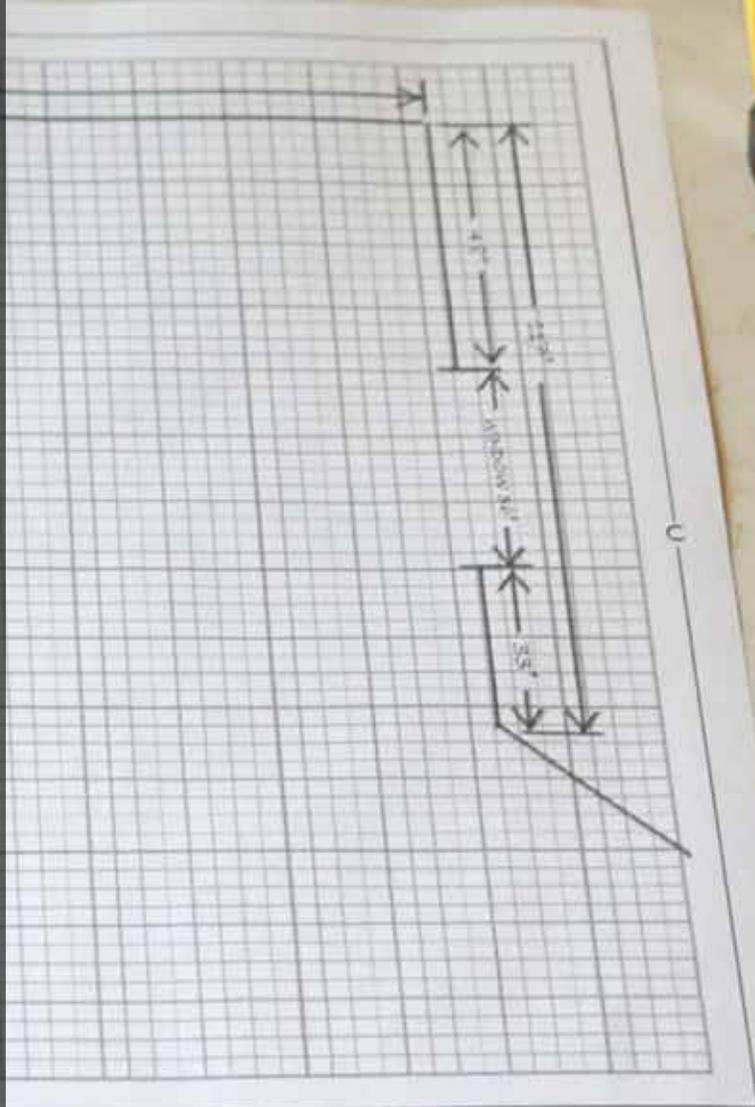
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Appliance Model Number or Width

Ceiling Height

93" 93.5" 92.5"

Measure from the finished floor to the finished ceiling. Take three separate measurements at different points in the room. Every measurement to make sure there is a consistent height to the ceiling (if any).

Mapping Your Space

Now that you taken some time to visualize your layout, use the layout grid on page 19 to map your space and add the new features which you find the most important.

Obtaining accurate measurements for your existing kitchen are essential to the design process.

In order to provide accurate measurements for your designer, there are a few tools you will need:



Cabinet Layout Grid



Pencil



Tape Measure



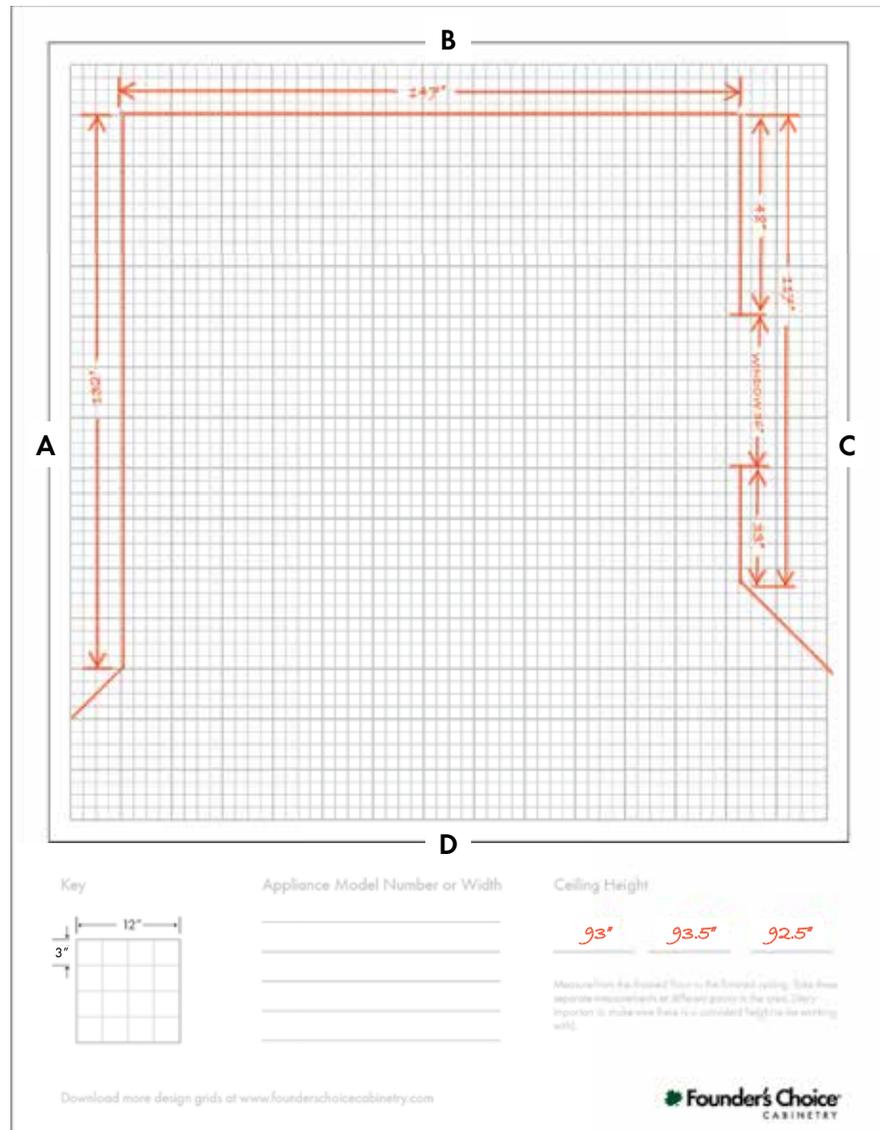
Calculator

Step 1 [Measurements]

Walls - Start from wall A and take measurements clockwise.

Openings - Note the location, width, and height of doors and windows. Make sure to include the trim in your measurements.

Electrical Outlets - Note the location and height.



Ceiling Height - Measure from the finished floor to the finished ceiling. Take three separate measurements at different points in the room. This is very important to make sure there is a consistent height throughout your space.

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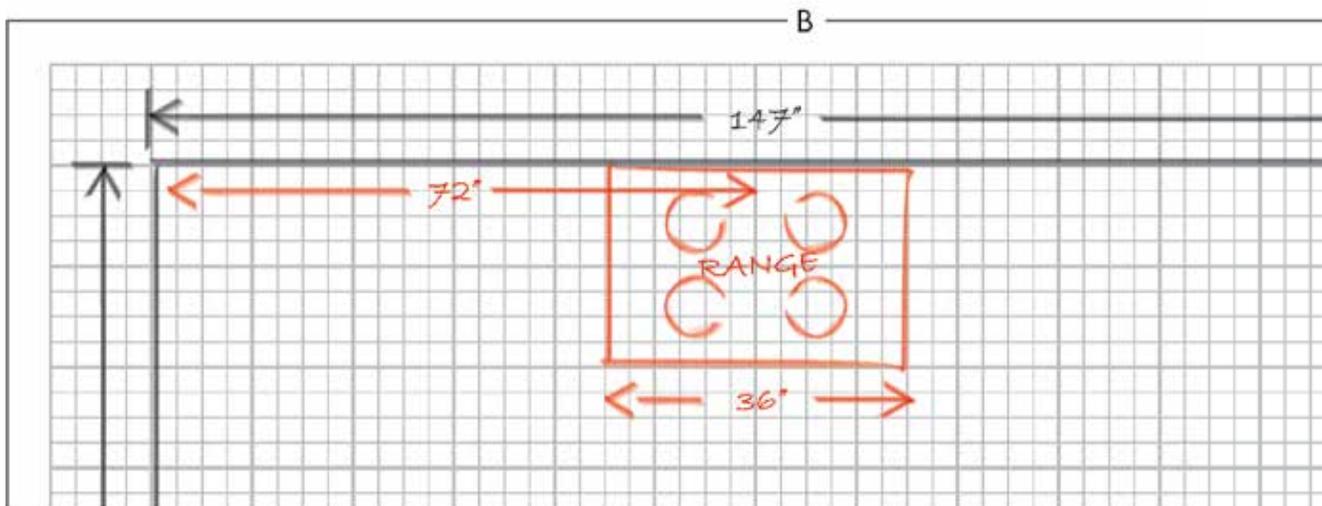
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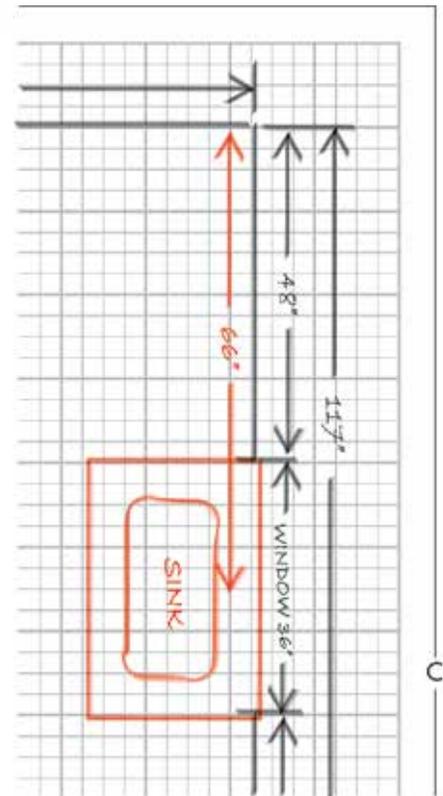
Step 2 [Appliances]

As you make your way across each wall, measure to the center of your oven, stove, and fridge. Also note the width of each appliance. To design a kitchen correctly we will need to know the appliances you intend to use.

Whether they are new appliances or you intend to re-use your existing appliances, exact measurements are necessary for designing everything to work together. This will also ensure your new appliances fit per the manufacturer's specifications.



Sink Center - It is important to note the center of your sink. If you are interested in changing the location of your sink cabinet, look under your sink at the drain, water supply lines and electrical; locating these three items will help you determine if you will be able to move your sink easily.



Step 3 [Personalize]

This is where your kitchen really becomes tailored to your needs and style. Start thinking about what features you will need in your day to day use, focusing on the ideas rather than dimensions. You want to come away with a kitchen perfectly suited to your lifestyle, so it's okay to take some time to plan it out.

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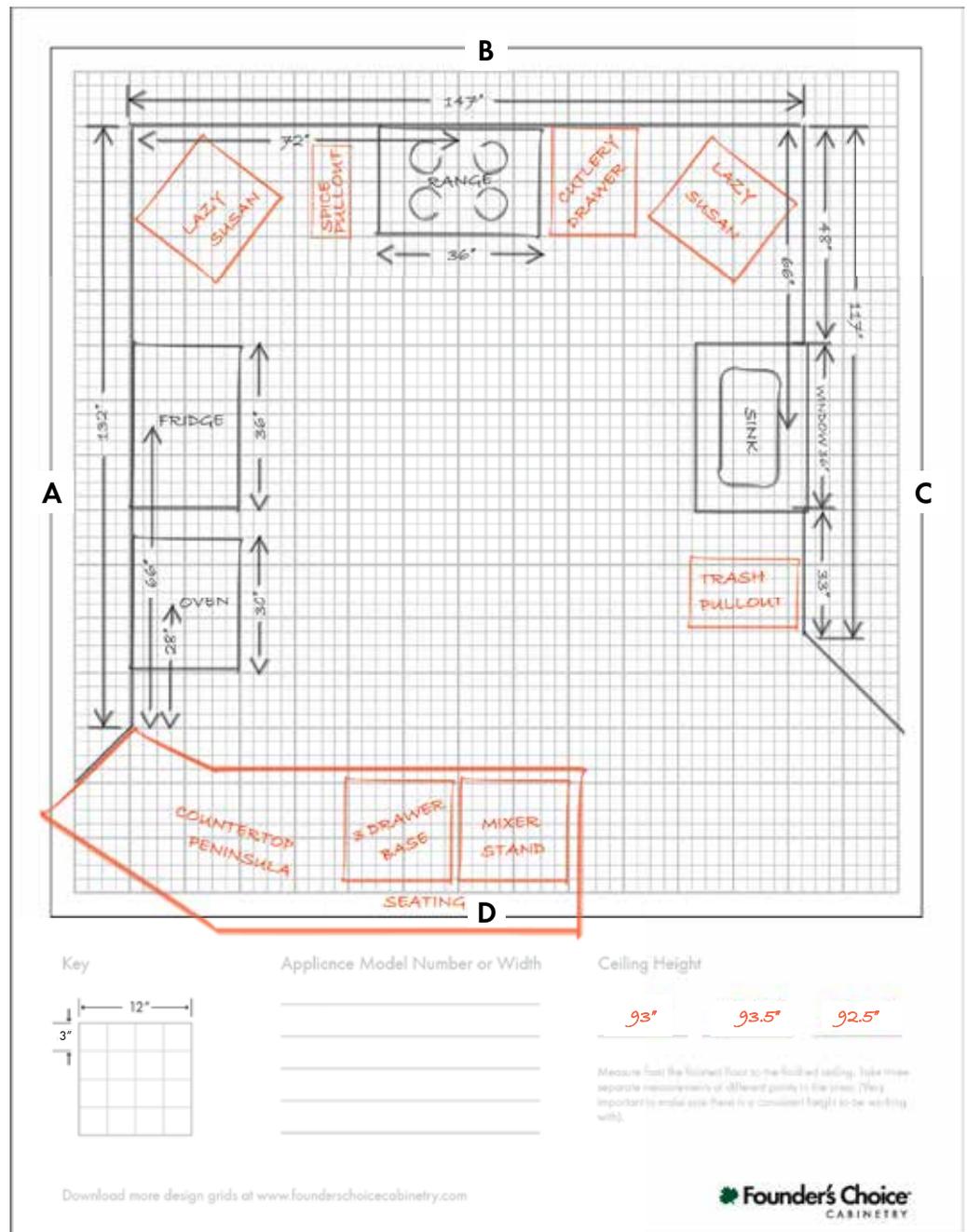
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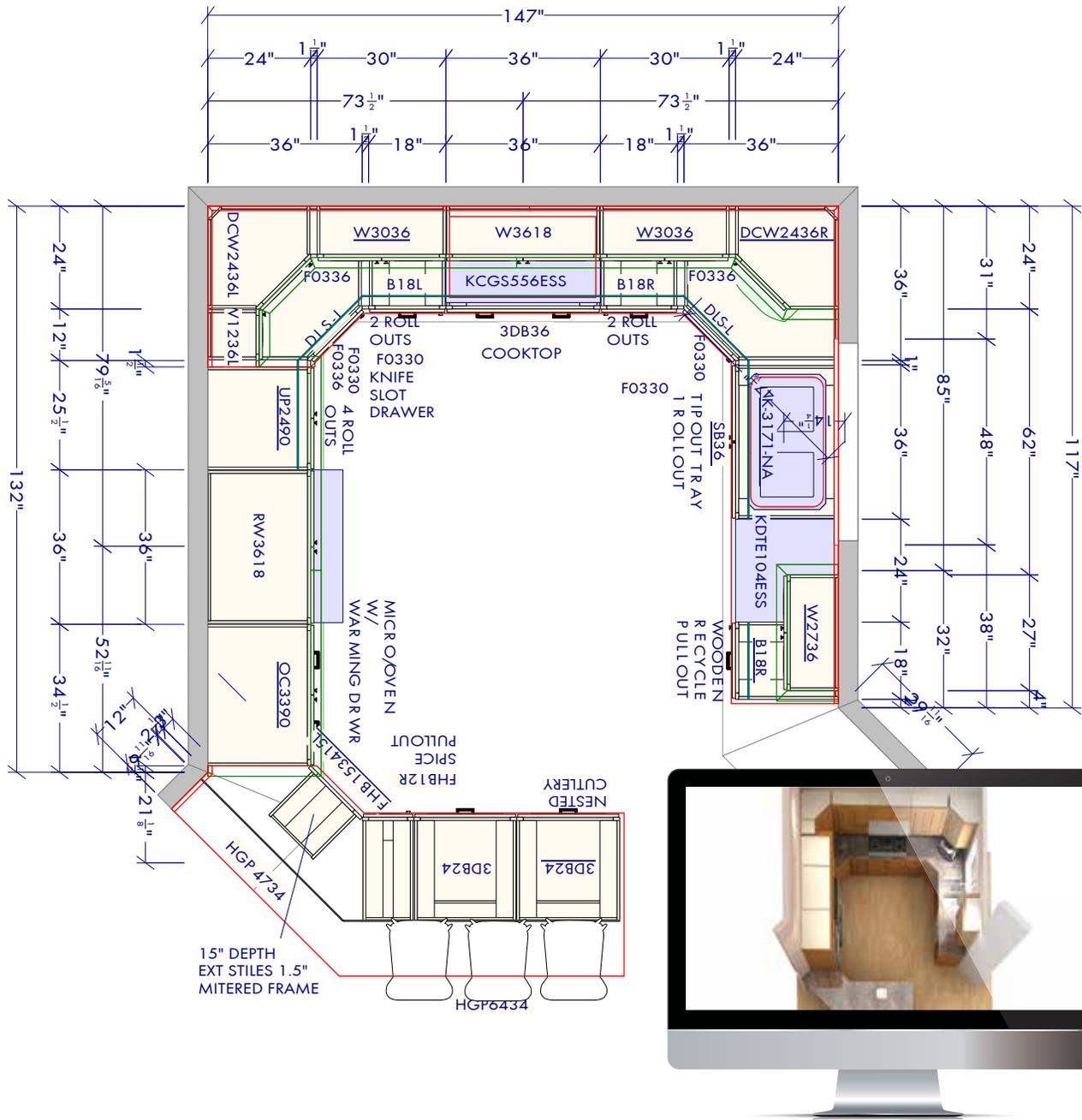
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Your designer will take all of your measurements and features into consideration to create the perfect design for your home. A three-dimensional rendering of the design will be done to help you visualize how the design will look in your space.



What To Expect...



Visiting our Showroom

As you start the design process you are encouraged to spend some time in our showrooms to look around at the various displays. Within our showrooms you will find an extensive range of options that are available to you as well as a wide selection of cabinet materials, colors and finishes. In addition, we also offer a wide variety of countertop materials for you to choose from to complete your kitchen.



Make an Appointment with one of our Designers

Remodeling projects require a lot of decision making. Our Designers want to understand your needs, wishes and how you intend to utilize your space. You should anticipate having at least two meetings with your Designer to discuss your project and how our product offerings will fit your needs. The Founder's Choice design process is more than just us selling you cabinets and countertops; our goal is to work with you to make the entire process easier while achieving your desired the style and functionality.



Bring Your Inspirations With You

Bring magazines, photos, and newspaper clippings! Show us the things that inspire you, so we can help you design the perfect room. If you have color paint swatches, tile samples, floor samples, or anything else that you are enamored with, bring it all in so we can help you incorporate these favorite items into your new space!

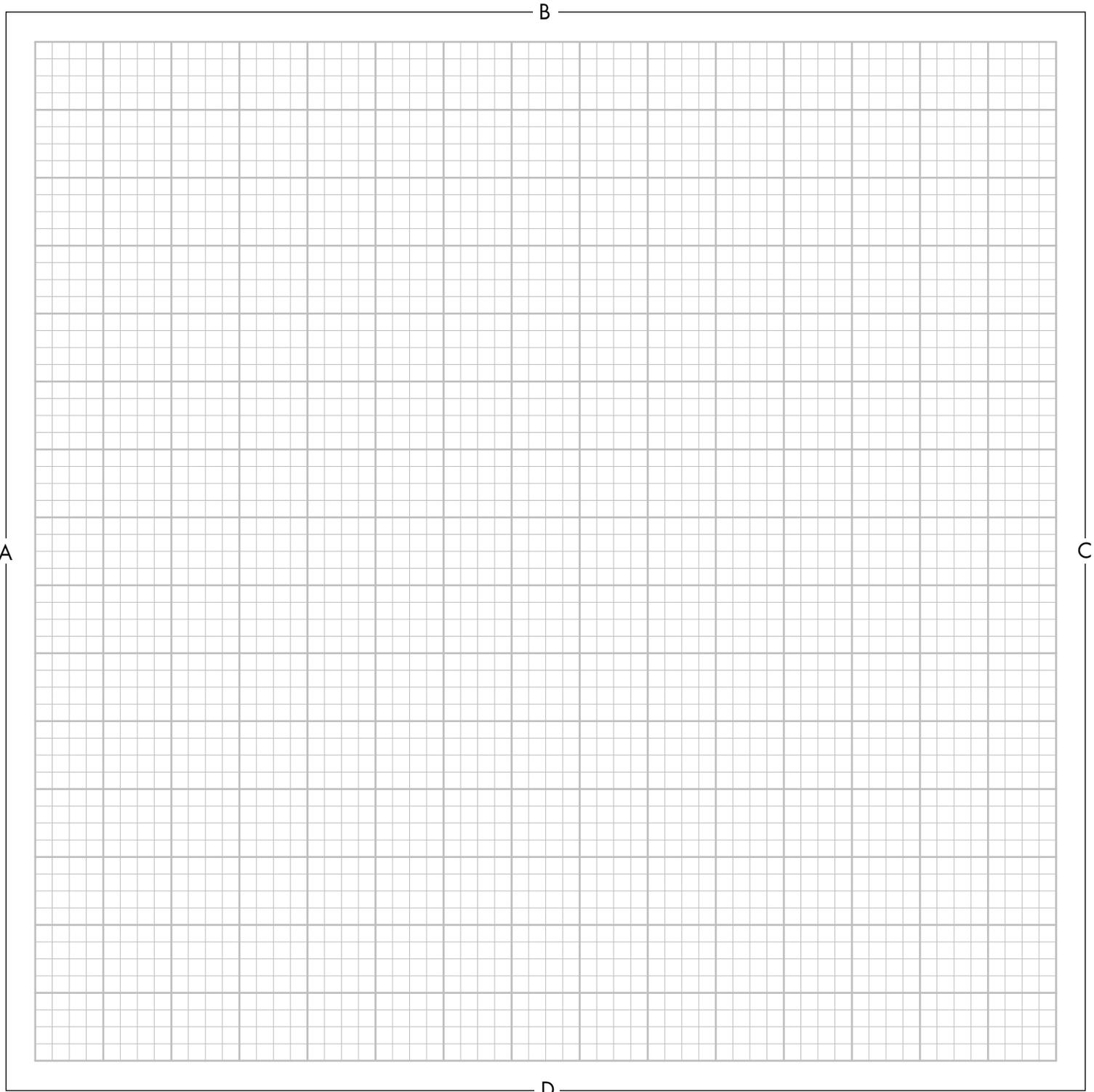


Expect a Home Visit for Measurements

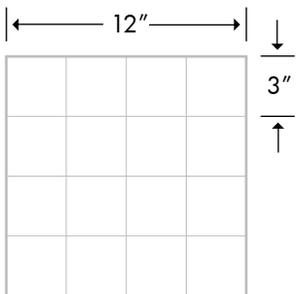
Your Sales Designer will visit your home space to take exact measurements of the space being renovated. With the measurements in-hand, your Designer can then incorporate elements from your design wish list into your updated space while working within your budget to show you with the layout and accessories you've always dreamed of.

Next Steps:

Finish filling out the layout grid with your measurements and notations and send them to your Designer today to begin exploring the possibilities of your project!



Key



Appliance Model Number & Dimensions

Refrigerator _____ W _____ H _____ D _____

Range _____ W _____ H _____ D _____

Dishwasher _____ W _____ H _____ D _____

Microwave _____ W _____ H _____ D _____

Other _____ W _____ H _____ D _____

Other _____ W _____ H _____ D _____

Ceiling Height

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