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What I Learned...

Follow Lindsey's advice for a pain-free kitchen redo that reflects your own personal style.

- 1. To stay on deadline, be available.** By keeping in constant contact with the contractors, I was always able to answer questions quickly to keep things moving along.
- 2. Preorder your appliances.** Have all appliances delivered and ready to install before construction starts to prevent potential lag time.
- 3. Examine your grocery basket.** I wanted everything to fit well in my pantry, so I measured my fattest spice jar (Tony Chachere's!), my widest soup can, and my tallest cereal box.
- 4. Rethink existing cabinets.** Are they in decent shape? Thankfully, mine were. I really saved on costs by making them work with only minor upgrades (paint and hardware).
- 5. Consider your lifestyle.** When choosing a sink, I wanted to have one big enough to bathe the kids in and to hide all my dirty dishes in, in case of unexpected company.
- 6. Always add personal touches to your space.** I hung my 2-year-old's small but colorful picture on my gallery wall—he loves seeing his art in the mix.
- 7. Remember, pretty can be durable.** To protect my often-used sofa from food and drink spills, I had the fabric treated with stain-resistant Nano-Tex (nanotex.com).

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