Make Your Kitchen More Cheerful with a Kitchen Remodel

An outdated kitchen can suck the joy out of the rest of your home, especially if you don't feel like spending time in it or hosting family and friends in the space. A kitchen remodel can brighten your kitchen and make the entire room feel more cheerful. Here are some of our best tips for making your kitchen more cheerful (and don't worry, all the tips aren't simply remodeling!).

Clean Up and Organize

A clean and organized kitchen will look better and brighter than one that isn't, regardless of its age. Over time, your kitchen accumulates tons of clutter from recipes, cookbooks, broken utensils you forgot to throw away, and other miscellany that needs sorting. Take the time to declutter your kitchen over the weekend and give away things that you aren't using anymore. Only store one or two of your most-used appliances on the counter and clear out every cabinet to put things away where they belong. Oversized items that rarely get used, like waffle irons or panini presses, should be stored out of sight.



Rethink Your Kitchen Lighting

A room's lighting has a phenomenal impact on how bright and cheerful the space looks. It's



especially important to have good task lighting in a kitchen, where you are using knives and other dangerous tools to get the job done. The lighting in your kitchen should allow you to see what you are doing without squinting. Do you also love entertaining in your kitchen? Install overhead lighting that can be dimmed or brightened to suit the mood. A kitchen remodel is the perfect time to rethink your kitchen lighting and lighten the mood.

Bring Some Color In

The walls of your kitchen are the perfect way to add a pop of color to your kitchen - think

about a colorful backsplash. Cabinets that are dark can naturally dampen the mood, but think about replacing them with a light grey, cream or Champaign color painted cabinets. A dark color of flooring can also make the space seem darker so look for plank style ceramics in lighter colors to soften the space. Painting the walls is perhaps the easiest way to make a kitchen more cheerful and you will be surprised and how easy it is to have this done.



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