Phoenix Home Remodeling Explains How Cabinet Lead Times Set the Valley?s Remodeling Calendar

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Phoenix Home Remodeling, a Chandler-based design-build remodeling company, is urging Phoenix-area homeowners who want a kitchen or bathroom remodel finished before summer to make their key decisions in the next three weeks, before Thanksgiving on November 26. The reason is cabinet lead times. Semi-custom cabinets are running 16 to 22 weeks from order to delivery for Phoenix kitchens, which means the date a homeowner places that order quietly sets the entire project calendar.

The company lays out the math in Phoenix Home Remodeling?s spring remodel planning timeline. Cabinets ordered in mid-November arrive between early March and mid-April. The same cabinets ordered in mid-January arrive between early May and mid-June, pushing construction into the hottest months of the Arizona year. The company says that math surprises homeowners in Chandler, Gilbert and Ahwatukee every fall: they plan to start after the holidays, and the holidays turn out to be the last window for the decisions that set the whole calendar.

The timeline matters more because of how the company sequences its work. ?We do not start demolition until the cabinets and the rest of the ordered selections are in our hands,? the company writes. Every box is

checked for damage and for the correct door style and finish, and anything wrong is corrected before the old kitchen comes out. ?That is why your kitchen is never torn out and sitting empty while you wait on a truck.? The trade-off is that a late order moves the start date rather than leaving a gutted room, and the company is plain about which it prefers: ?We would rather spend October and November on design than have your kitchen under construction in July.?

Before anything is ordered, the design phase settles the layout, cabinet line, countertop material, plumbing fixtures, appliance package and lighting plan, all before a fixed price is written. Layouts are checked against the National Kitchen and Bath Association?s Kitchen Planning Guidelines, which call for a work aisle of at least 42 inches for one cook and 48 inches when two people cook at once. On a 1980s Ahwatukee galley kitchen, the company notes, that single measurement often decides whether a new island fits or whether the wall behind it has to move. Homeowners review 3D renderings before anything is ordered.

Selections then run as three walk-throughs and an order, the part of the calendar the company says homeowners can control. The first settles layout and cabinet style, the second countertop, tile and plumbing fixtures, and the third checks every choice against the fixed price and lead times, with nothing ordered until the homeowner signs off. ?A third walk-through that slips past the holidays pushes the cabinet order, and the order date sets the rest of the calendar,? the guide says. Not everything has to be final by Thanksgiving: paint colors, cabinet hardware and decorative lighting can be chosen closer to install because their lead times are short, though appliances need their cutout dimensions early even if the final model comes later. Bathrooms follow the same order of operations with a shorter list, since vanity lead times are generally shorter than full kitchen cabinet runs.

The guide gives homeowners a rough calendar for a spring start. October covers the discovery call, a budget range, and measuring and photographing the rooms. Early November brings design approval, a review of the 3D renderings and an Arizona Registrar of Contractors license lookup. By mid-November the selection walk-throughs are finished, the fixed-price agreement is signed and the cabinet order is placed. December through February is production, with ship dates confirmed and tracked. In March and April, materials arrive and are checked, the start date is confirmed and demolition begins. The windows shift with project size, and the company is candid about what planning can and can?t do: ?Design-build does not eliminate every unknown. It eliminates the expensive ones.?

For homeowners not ready to commit, the guide suggests one step this week: measure the room, photograph it from every corner, and write down the three things that most annoy them about how they use it, so the first design conversation starts on real information. Homeowners weighing kitchen remodeling in Phoenix can also use the company?s cost guide to set a budget range and review monthly payment options through its financing partner, Hearth, before signing.

About Phoenix Home Remodeling

Phoenix Home Remodeling is a design-build remodeling company specializing in whole home, kitchen, bathroom, shower and interior renovations. The company uses a planning-first process that completes feasibility, material selections and 3D design before construction begins, with fixed construction pricing provided only after planning and design are finalized. Licensed, bonded and insured (ROC #313636, Class B-3), the company serves homeowners throughout Phoenix, Chandler, Gilbert, Scottsdale, Ahwatukee, Mesa, Queen Creek, Tempe, Sun Lakes and Laveen. Learn more at Phoenix Home Remodeling?s design-build remodeling site.

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