

Kitchens are seen as the heart of the home, which is why designing and choosing your new one can seem like a stressful and daunting experience. Here at Screwfix we understand how important your kitchen is, which is why we have created this handy guide to help

you through each stage of the process. With lots of helpful tips from planning through to ordering, this guide will show you how you can create your ideal kitchen easily and stay stress-free!



### How much does a new kitchen cost?

The cost of a new kitchen depends on a number of different factors. For example the size of your space, your final layout and your chosen materials. Therefore, it is a good idea to sit down and work out your budget before choosing your kitchen. This way you will stay within your limits and will not face the disappointment of finding your perfect kitchen only to discover that it is way beyond your means.

### When budgeting, always consider the following:

#### 1. Old Kitchen Disposal and Site Preparation

Have you thought about how you are going to dispose of your old kitchen and appliances? Also, once the old kitchen has been removed, will any of the walls require re-plastering? Have you considered your heating? Do you need to allow for the position of radiators or plinth heaters, or are you opting for under-floor heating? Will you need to re-route any electrics or plumbing?

#### 2. Kitchen Cabinets

Do you require your entire kitchen replacing or have your current cabinets still got plenty of years use left? Remember new doors and/or handles can refresh a tired kitchen relatively cheaply and quickly.

#### 3. Kitchen Worktops

Worktops can have a great impact upon the overall cost. Laminate worktops offer great value and we offer both stone and wood effect worktops. However, if you want to achieve the 'wow-factor' then we also sell solid wood versions and Magna (6mm thick solid surface top mounted on an MDF base) and Slab Tech (30mm thick solid surface worktop).

#### 4. Appliances and White Goods

Will your current appliances still fit in with the overall look of your new kitchen? If not, you need to build in replacement costs when you are first working out your budget.





*Enhance the overall look*

**6a**

*Maximise valuable storage space, especially in smaller kitchens*

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*Wide variety to suit every taste and budget*

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*Laminate is a great cost effective option*

### 5. Flooring

Your floor can make or break a kitchen design so it is important you choose the right material. Laminate is a great, cost-effective option with the choice to have wood, stone or ceramic tile effect. Alternatively, real stone or slate floors will add a high-quality finish to your room.

### 6. Kitchen Accessories

**a. Kitchen lighting** can really enhance the overall look and feel of a kitchen. However, it can also be an essential safety feature with specific directional lighting designed to illuminate key work areas.

**b. Kitchen wirework** can help maximise valuable storage space in smaller kitchens. Pull out drawers and magic corners are great accessories for ensuring that groceries and tins are stored tidily and are easily accessible – making your life simpler in the process.

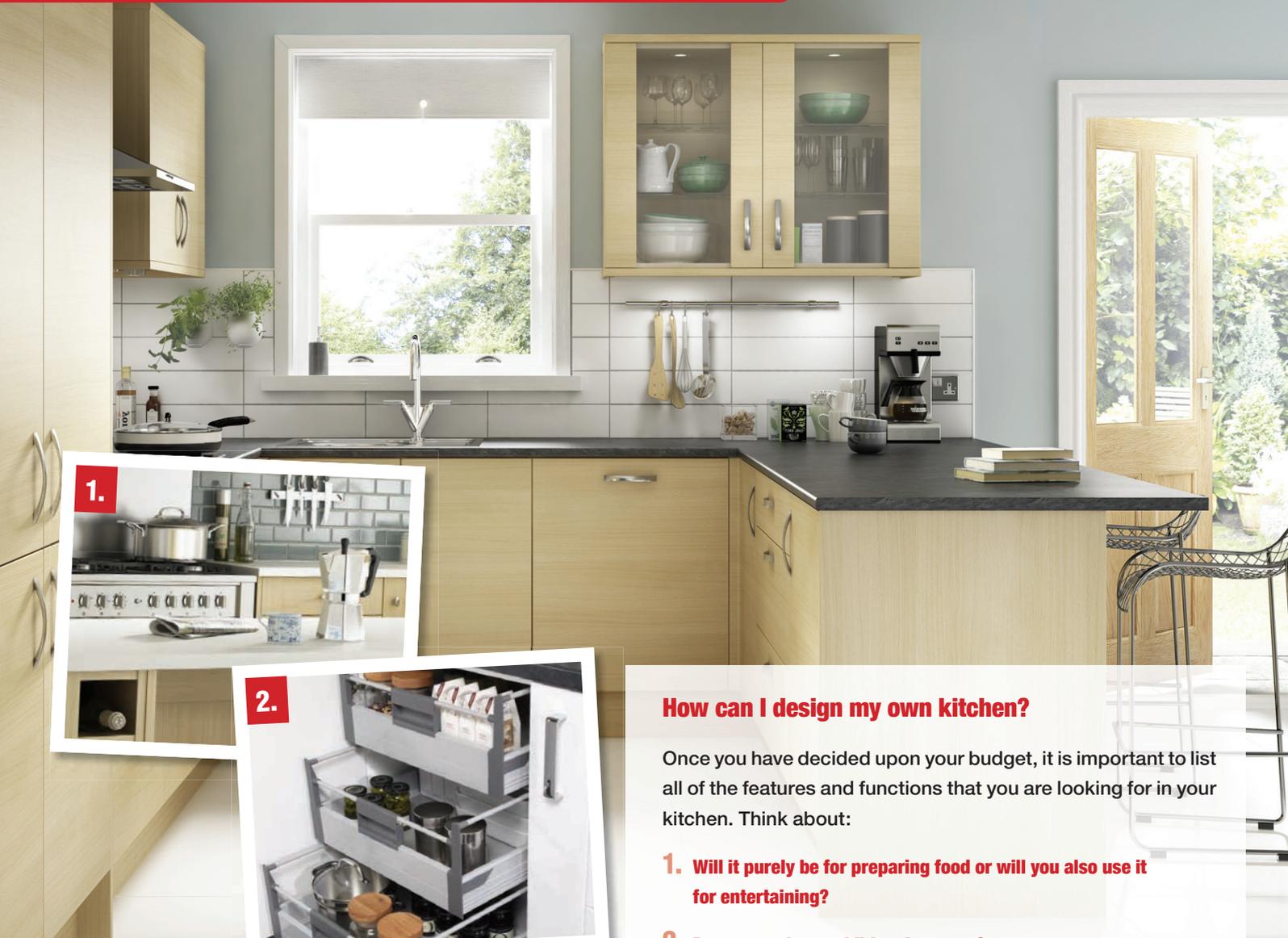
**c. Sinks and taps** are key accessories in any kitchen and here at Screwfix we have a wide variety to suit every taste and budget. So, whether you are after the simple, clean lines of a ceramic Belfast sink or the durability and affordability of a stainless steel version – you will be sure to find one that meets your needs within a couple of clicks. The same goes for taps – we stock all types of mono mixers, filter taps, pillar and deck sink mixer taps. Or why not check out our sink and tap pack range?

**d. Handles** can refresh a tired kitchen or add an element of designer style to a new one. We have a great range of handles and knobs in a variety of different shapes and finishes – simply look for the relevant link within the bathrooms and kitchens section.

Also – do not forget about other accessories you may need, such as cutlery trays and worktop protectors. Alternatively, simply look for the relevant link within the kitchens section.

### 7. Cost of labour

If you are not fitting the kitchen yourself then you will also need to allocate a certain amount of your budget for installation. The actual cost will vary from company to company and will also depend on the number of cabinets you need fitting and if any bespoke alterations or joinery work needs to be carried out. However, as our kitchen cabinets are rigid they do not need any assembly, which will reduce labour time and therefore your overall costs.



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cream gloss slab

oak shaker

Contemporary cream gloss slab or traditional oak shaker

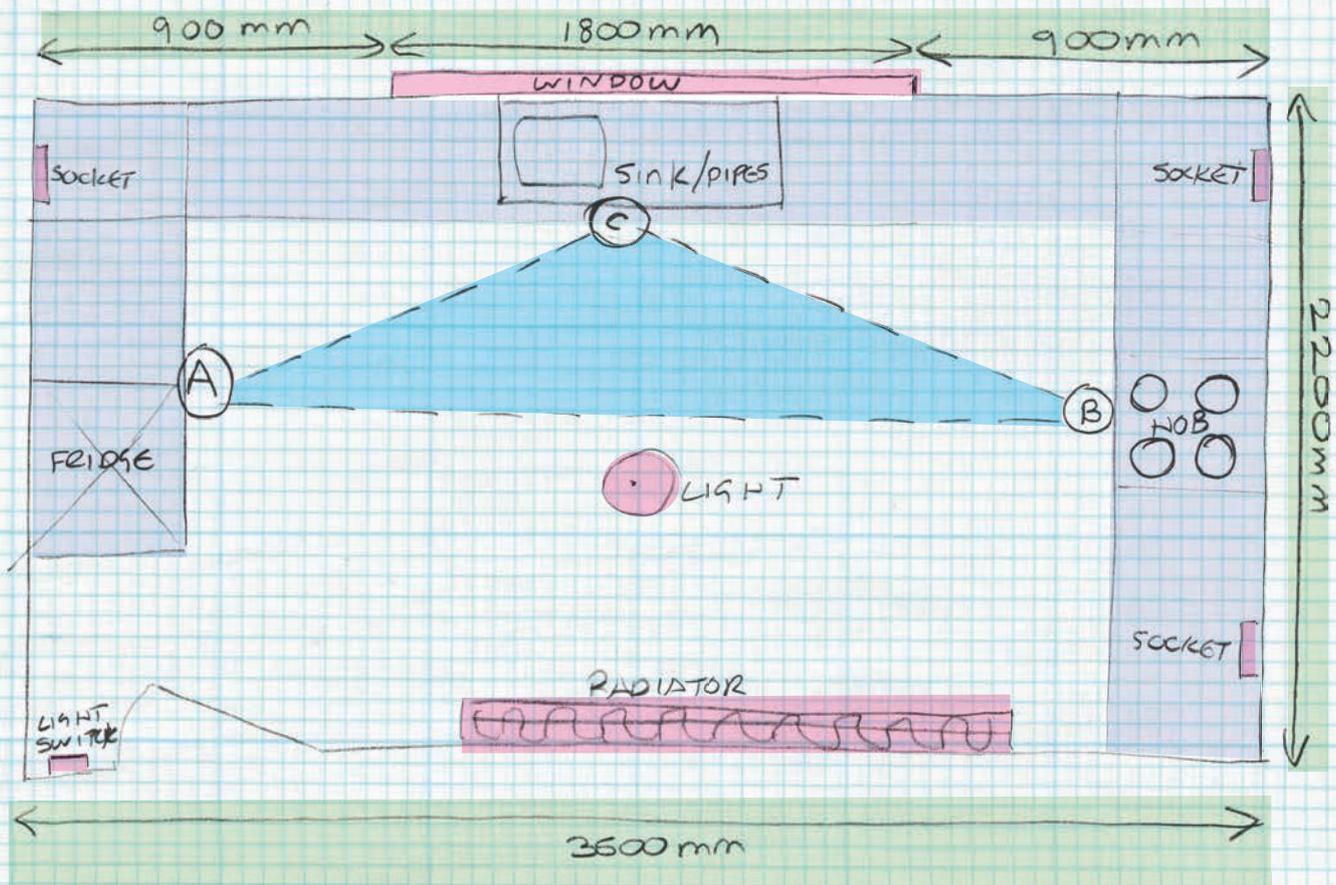
### How can I design my own kitchen?

Once you have decided upon your budget, it is important to list all of the features and functions that you are looking for in your kitchen. Think about:

1. Will it purely be for preparing food or will you also use it for entertaining?
2. Do you need any additional storage?
3. Will it need to house your white goods or will these be installed elsewhere?
4. Do you want something more traditional like an oak shaker style or how about a cream gloss slab finish to create a more contemporary and fresh living space?

Remember that the style of your kitchen should be in keeping with the rest of your home. Try to balance what is going to work in your space, with the current trends, your own personal taste and what future buyers of your property may want to see.

And if you have ever wondered how to update a kitchen on a budget, then do not forget that new doors and handles can transform an old kitchen and bring it bang up-to-date at a fraction of the cost of installing an entire new one.



### How to design a kitchen layout?

Once you have decided upon your budget and completed your features and functions list you can begin to create your kitchen plan.

- Start by mapping out your current kitchen layout (or empty kitchen if you plan to start from scratch) on graph paper (please see page 7). Kitchen manufacturers use metric measurements so always ensure that you record your sizes in mms.
- Highlight the precise positioning of fixed items such as windows, doors and chimney breasts (if applicable) and pinpoint where the radiators, electric sockets, plumbing and gas supply points are.
- First of all add the overall wall lengths of each wall and the ceiling height for the wall elevations.
- Keep in mind that if the kitchen is being re-plastered this will affect the room dimension.

Determine the layout that best suits your kitchen space and start adding in the units on your plan. Always keep in mind the 'working triangle', which is the distance between the three most frequently used work areas in a standard kitchen e.g.

**A = Food Storage and Preparation B = Cooking and Dishing Up C = Washing Up**

For more information please see the planning guide.

## BUYING YOUR KITCHEN GUIDE

### How do I order my chosen kitchen?

Ordering your new kitchen from Screwfix could not be easier. All you have to do is follow the three simple steps highlighted below.

To make it even easier we have included an order form at the back of this guide. Fill this in by hand and then refer to it when ordering on the website. This will ensure that you do not miss any essentials off your shopping list. If you require doors only, skip straight to step 2.

### Step 1

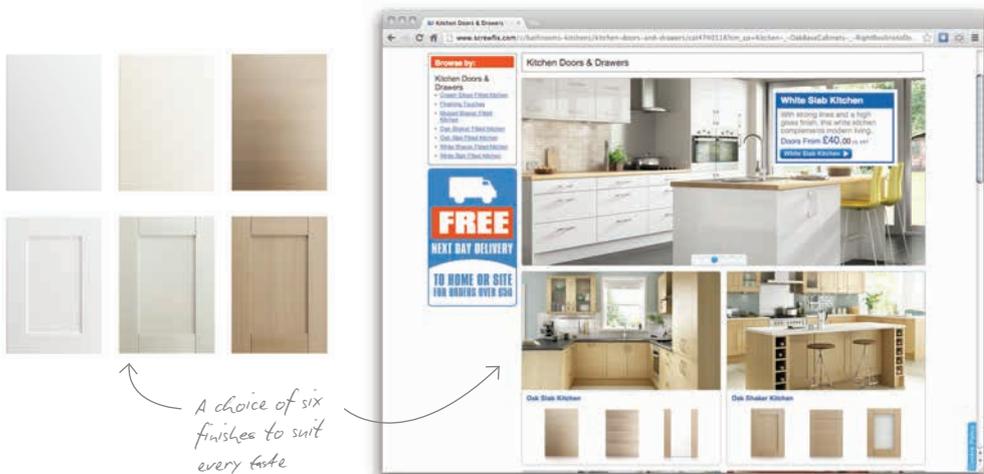
Before choosing your drawers and doors you will need to order your base and wall cabinets. With a choice of two finishes – white and oak – you can decide upon whether you want to match your drawers and doors with your cabinets, contrast them or have a mixture of the two.



We are so confident in the quality of our British made kitchen cabinets that we offer a 25-year manufacturer's guarantee. All cabinets are glue and dowel versus the cam and dowel used by many kitchen providers. The addition of glue means the cabinets are fully rigid and there is no danger of them coming apart over time. We also offer soft close cabinets as standard.



Choose between oak and white cabinets



### Step 2

The next stage is to order your door fronts and drawers to go onto the cabinets. With a choice of six finishes we are sure to have a style to suit every taste.

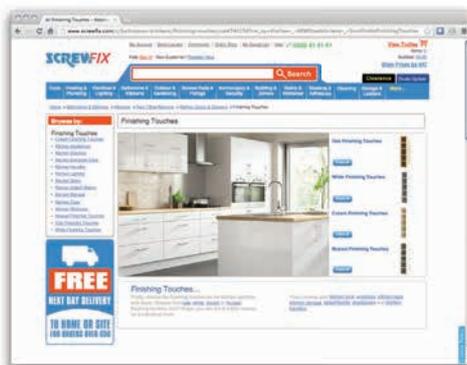
Remember that for every cabinet of 800mm width or above you will need to order more than one door. Alternatively, simply refer to the order form / check list on the next page.



\*800mm white base cabinet, shown with two 400mm oak shaker doors\*

### Step 3

The final stage is to choose your finishing touches like handles, taps, lighting, wirework and kitchen sinks. Do not forget to order your panels too. These are used to finish off exposed cabinet ends or fill a gap where cabinets do not fit. They can also be used to create cavities too – such as an area to house a fridge or a dishwasher.



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### I need to order....

KITCHEN STYLE: \_\_\_\_\_

CABINET COLOUR: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Step 1 Cabinets

#### Step 2 Doors

#### Handles

#### Step 3

#### Accessories

CABINET	DIMENSIONS	CODE	QTY	PRICE	CORRESPONDING DOOR	CODE	QTY	PRICE	No. HANDLES	CODE	QTY	PRICE	ACCESSORIES	CODE	QTY	PRICE
300mm Base Cabinet	300 x 570 x 870mm				1 x 300mm door				1				End Support Panel			
400mm Base Cabinet	400 x 570 x 370mm				1 x 400mm door				1				Add On Wall Panel			
500mm Base Cabinet	500 x 570 x 370mm				1 x 500mm door				1				Scribing Panel			
600mm Base Cabinet	600 x 570 x 870mm				1 x 600mm door				1				Edging tape			
800mm Base Cabinet	800 x 570 x 870mm				2 x 400mm door				2				Plinth			
1000mm Base Cabinet	1000 x 570 x 870mm				2 x 500mm door				2				Cornice			
L Corner Base Cabinet	950 x 950 x 970mm				2 x 300mm door Corner fillet				2				Pelmet			
4 Drawer Base Cabinet	500 x 570 x 870mm				1 x 4 drawer set				4				Wine Rack			
600mm Pan Drawer Base	600 x 570 x 870mm				1 x 3 drawer set				3				Glass Shelves			
900mm Pan Drawer Base	900 x 570 x 870mm				1 x 3 drawer set				3				Open End Base Cabinet			
300mm Wall Cabinet	300 x 330 x 720mm				1 x 300mm door				1				Open End Wall Cabinet			
400mm Wall Cabinet	400 x 330 x 720mm				1 x 400mm door				1				Open Wall Cabinet			
500mm Wall Cabinet	500 x 330 x 720mm				1 x 500mm door 1 x 497mm glass door				1							
600mm Wall Cabinet	600 x 330 x 720mm				1 x 600mm door				1							
800mm Wall Cabinet	800 x 330 x 720mm				2 x 400mm door				2							
1000mm Wall Cabinet	1000 x 330 x 720mm				2 x 500mm door				2							
L Corner Wall Cabinet	650 x 650 x 720mm				1 x 300mm door + corner door				2							
Bridging Cabinet	600 x 330 x 281mm				1 x 600mm bridging door				1							
Built-Under Oven Housing Cabinet	600 x 570 x 870mm				1 x appliance panel				N/A	----	----					
Tall Single Oven Housing Cabinet	600 x 570 x 2177mm				1 x 600mm door + bridging door + appliance door				3							
Tall Double Oven Housing Cabinet	600 x 570 x 2177mm				Appliance door				1							
Fridge Freezer Cabinet	600 x 570 x 2177mm				1 x 600mm door + appliance door				2							
600mm Tall Larder Cabinet	600 x 570 x 2177mm				1 x 600mm door + appliance door				2							
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Please note: hinges are included when buying cabinets only. If you are purchasing just doors you will also need to buy hinges.

