

# Can You Tell What's Wrong With This Kitchen?

An NKBA-Certified  
Designer would know.

## Design Checklist

Now that you have decided to work with an NKBA-certified designer, here are the steps you will take during the design process.

- ✓ Create a project wish list of your wants and needs with the designer. Discuss your overall style preference, such as contemporary or modern. Be sure to include your entire family in the process in case anyone has any special requests.
- ✓ Review your budget. Your designer can help by giving you estimates on different products to make sure your project remains affordable, while still meeting your needs.
- ✓ Make product comparisons. Make notes about which brands and products might work best for your particular space and budget.
- ✓ Explore design and style comparisons. It is wise to use the designer's portfolio and the NKBA Inspiration Gallery at [www.NKBA.org](http://www.NKBA.org). Visiting a designer's showroom is also a great way to review options and get a hands-on feel for what you want to see in your own home.



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## An NKBA Certified Designer Can Immediately Identify:

### A. Door interference

No entry door should interfere with the safe operation of appliances.

### B. Work aisle

A clear floor space of at least 30" by 48" should be provided at each appliance.

### C. Seating clearance

A 36" high counter should incorporate a minimum of 15" of clear knee space.

### D. Countertop edges

Recommend clipped or rounded corners.

### E. Traffic through work triangle

No work triangle leg should intersect an island. No major traffic pattern should cross through the work triangle.

### F. Dishwasher placement

Provide at least 21" of standing space between the edge of the dishwasher and countertop frontage placed at a right angle to the dishwasher.

### G. Cooking surface landing area

Include a minimum of 12" of landing area on one side of a cooking surface and 15" on the other side.

## Why Hire An NKBA-Certified Designer?

The hallmark for kitchen and bath professionals, NKBA certification is based on continuing Professional Development, in-depth testing, and extensive industry experience.

NKBA-certified designers are nationally recognized as experts in the NKBA Kitchen & Bath Planning Guidelines with Access Standards, which recognize the importance of consumer health, safety and welfare in kitchen and bath design.

Certified designers have demonstrated a thorough knowledge of residential construction, and mechanical and electrical systems through NKBA standard examinations.

The National Kitchen & Bath Association (NKBA) has been the premiere association for kitchen and bath professionals for the past 50 years. The NKBA has been offering certification programs since 1968, with stringent certification standards that continue to earn the respect of both professionals and consumers.

### Associate Kitchen and Bath Designer (AKBD)

- Certified professional with a minimum of 2 years of kitchen/bath industry experience.
- Knowledgeable in safety, building codes, space planning, and product selection.



### Certified Kitchen and Bath Designer (CKBD)

- A minimum of 5 years' experience designing residential kitchen and bath spaces.
- Highly skilled in design, space planning, and product selection.
- Extensive knowledge of building codes, appliances and mechanical systems.
- Write specifications and draw plans that are easily interpreted by plumbers, electricians, and installers.



### Certified Master Kitchen and Bath Designer (CMKBD)

- Possesses the CKBD or both the CKD and CBD certifications.
- Extraordinary experience and achievements in the kitchen and bath industry.
- The most highly skilled professionals may earn the NKBA's mastery level certification.

