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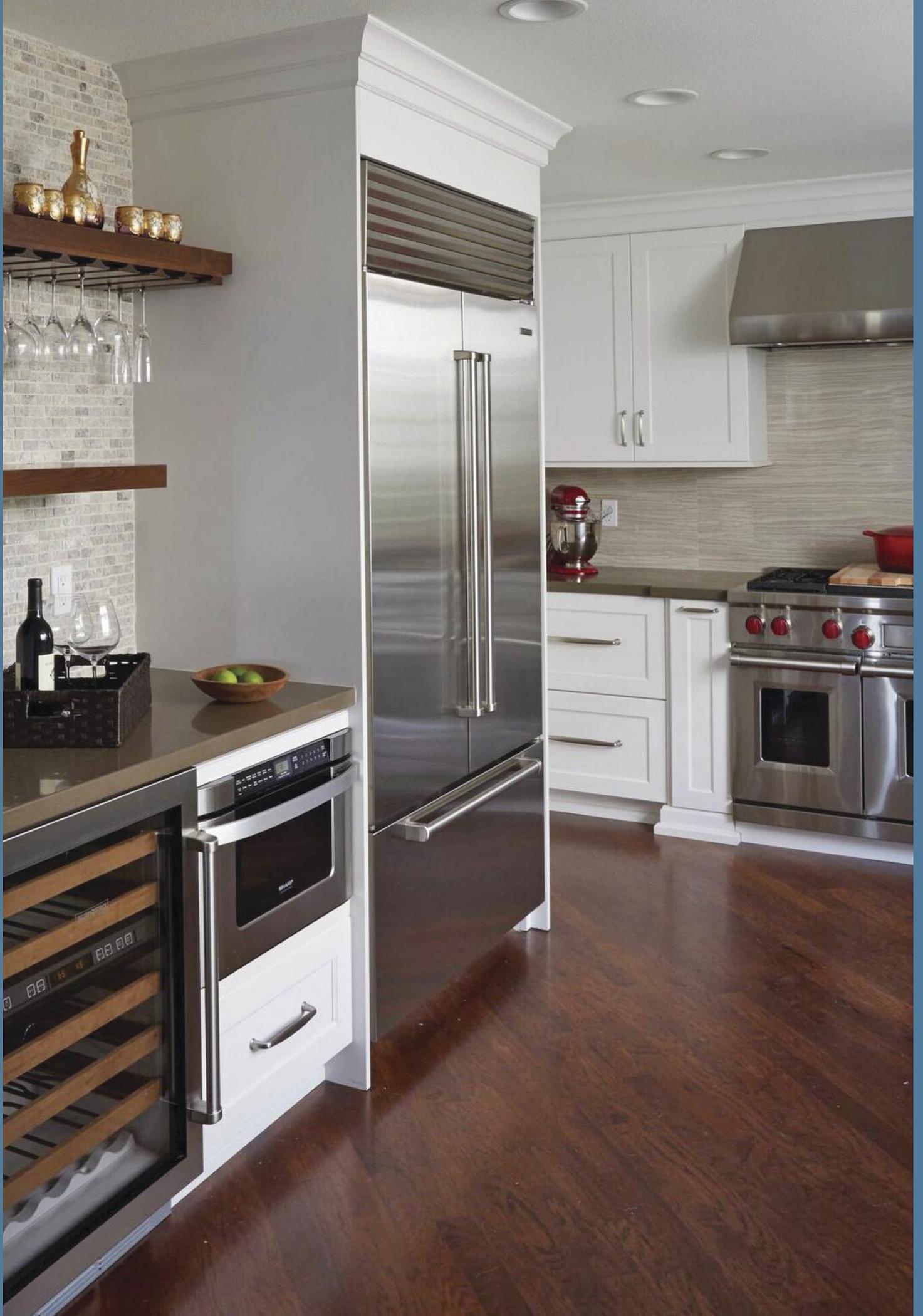


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Time Conscious & Budget Focused Remodeling

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Home remodeling projects are typically a large investment of not only money, but time. The most important thing you can do when considering a remodel is planning your project from start to finish. If a kitchen remodel is not planned upfront, you can easily become overloaded with stress throughout the process. Consider reaching out to a professional to help take the load off. Below are some tips and tricks we share with our clients during the planning phase to help make their projects more manageable.

Needs versus Wants:

Make a list of those areas which you want to see the most change versus those where you can do without a major modification. Itemizing your remodel in such a way will help keep you focused on results. It is easy to get caught up in all the "pretty & fun" elements of home remodeling, but a priority list will keep your project on track and within budget.

Create a Timeline:

Everyone craves instant gratification but before you rip off your backsplash, be sure to know when the replacement will be arriving! Not planning for material lead time is a common oversight while scheduling a remodel. Not planning accordingly will lead to unnecessary stress, a lengthy job and costly expedited shipping fees. Although you may be eager to get the job done in record time, do not start until you're confident in your game plan.

Update Hardware & Fixtures:

So you want to give your cabinets a new look without ripping everything out and starting fresh. How about replacing your fixtures and hardware to give your kitchen a brighter, more updated feel? For those kitchens with old-school oil rubbed bronze knobs & pulls, finding a replacement knob to match the design style of the space might be challenging. Consider changing the look of your kitchen by changing the hardware color to gold or brass. That color palette is beautiful for hardware and is coming back in a big way!

Remnant Stone:

For those smaller areas of the home like a secondary bathroom vanity or bar top area where you'd love to have a natural stone detail, you can ask your slab yard if they have

a remnant stone! These hidden gems are usually pieces of stone leftover from larger jobs but can be used in smaller applications for a fraction of the price! And the best part is, no one would ever know the difference.

Remove & Replace:

For those kitchen or bathroom remodels working within a tight budget, we recommend a "remove & replace" type remodel. This means that there are minimal or no alterations made to the plumbing within the home. Remove and replace is for those clients who need general updates to the space and is not for those clients who have a problem with the actual layout of the space. Remove and replace significantly cuts costs of the remodel which may give a client the freedom to splurge on another area of the home like a fabulous backsplash or killer flooring.

