

Rowville Kitchen Renovation Checklist

Instructions: Tick each box as you complete the step to track your progress.

Stage 1: Planning & Budgeting

- ☐ Define renovation goals (storage, layout, style, entertaining)
- ☐ Set realistic budget (materials, trades, permits, contingency)
- ☐ Identify must-have vs nice-to-have features
- ☐ Plan timeline and disruption tolerance
- ☐ Allocate extra time for design decisions

Stage 2: Design & Layout

- ☐ Plan kitchen workflow (sink, cooktop, fridge)
- ☐ Decide open-plan or enclosed layout (check permits if structural change)
- ☐ Include seating areas (breakfast bar, island)
- ☐ Plan lighting: natural, general, task
- ☐ Future-proof layout for lifestyle changes

Stage 3: Permits & Compliance

- ☐ Identify structural changes (wall removal, plumbing/electrical relocation)
- ☐ Obtain permits from Knox City Council if required
- ☐ Engage licensed trades for plumbing and electrical work
- ☐ Keep all compliance and permit documentation

Stage 4: Storage & Cabinetry

- ☐ Select cabinetry types (pull-outs, corner cupboards, drawers, pantry)
- ☐ Plan appliance storage (fridge, freezer, oven, dishwasher, microwave)
- ☐ Organise storage for utensils, cookware, spices, cleaning products
- ☐ Consider adjustable shelving for future flexibility

Stage 5: Appliances & Fixtures

- ☐ Determine essential appliances
- ☐ Plan sinks, taps, water filters, powerpoints
- ☐ Ensure appliance installation complies with Energy Safe Victoria & VBA

Stage 6: Materials & Finishes

- ☐ Choose benchtops (laminates, stone, wood, concrete, granite)
- ☐ Select non-slip, durable flooring
- ☐ Choose wall finishes, splashbacks, window treatments
- ☐ Plan lighting: general, task, accent

Stage 7: Project Management & Trades Coordination

- ☐ Schedule trades in correct sequence
- ☐ Use licensed trades for plumbing, electrical, gas, tiling, carpentry
- ☐ Prepare home: dust barriers, appliance disconnection, site safety

Stage 8: Final Review & Handover

- ☐ Inspect cabinetry, appliances, lighting, plumbing, finishes
- ☐ Ensure all permits and compliance documents are signed off
- ☐ Clean the site and remove debris
- ☐ Confirm warranty and manufacturer info

Stage 9: Enjoy Your New Kitchen

- ☐ Test all appliances and workflow
- ☐ Adjust storage and layout if needed
- ☐ Maintain surfaces and finishes as recommended

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Tip: Print this checklist or save it digitally to ensure no step is missed during your Rowville kitchen renovation.