

Guide to buying the best kitchen at the best price

Buying a kitchen or bathroom these days can often be baffling with so many styles available and so many variances on price - which one is the best for you??

- 1) ascertain what is the best style for your home ?
- 2) how to be certain the design is perfect for you
- 3) how to make sure you dont pay a penny more for the kitchen which is right for you
- 4) how can you easily tell which company is right for you?
- 5) Understand the possible pitfalls and how to avoid them?

Ascertain what is the best style for your home:-

- Modern kitchens can work fantastically in both new properties as well as older properties and barn conversions - the contrast between modern furniture and more classic surroundings creates a focal point for the kitchen and can look amazing. The modern streamlined look is also extremely practical and contains less "dust harbourers"!
- However if you want to keep the kitchen in keeping with the age of the property look for classic shaker styles and mix in with modern design ideas , which your designer can give you plenty of advice on.

How to be certain the design is right for you:-

- make sure you are dealing with a company that can accomodate bespoke sizes and specific features you like. Do not be drawn into accepting a certain look or style just because thats " what they do"
- think about the finished "feel" and look you want and make the designer aware of this - the designer can then come up with various options based on this and you can choose between the various ideas to ensure you get a kitchen which is 100% right for you
- Don't settle for a compromised design!!!!
Look at various kitchen images and see which specific elements appeal to you - view the Princess existing client kitchens to get an idea what others have looked at

How to make sure you don't pay a penny more for the kitchen which is right for you

- Ask for a list of the most costly items that make up your kitchen and look at the alternative options in these areas - ie why pay for an expensive extractor if you rarely use one? on the flip side if you do a lot of cooking the extraction system might well be the area worth spending that little extra on? are glass sided drawers and expensive internals really necessary to you? or is the organisation of each drawer of paramount importance? etc etc
- ask the designer for a list of possible savings and additions on your chosen design so you can decide if these items are important to you.
- look at the different door ranges available and whether you can achieve the same look for less?
- A good designer will ensure you get the best value for money and it is often best dealing with that designer to give you lots of options rather than going round to lots of companies and just getting generic designs

How can you easily tell which company is right for you

- deal with along established company
- deal with a KBSA registered company that can give you peace of mind of service and reputation
- ask to speak to existing clients

Understand the possible pitfalls of buying a new kitchen

- ask yourself if the items specified suit your needs - don't pay for expensive gadgets that will only get used for a few months and then forgotten about
- don't be tempted by a lower price as often the reason it is lower is because of a lower quality - if you want the kitchen to last 20 years then look at a quality of kitchen which will last that time, by the same token if you are doing the kitchen to sell the house then investing in the highest quality will not necessarily give you a return on your investment
- ensure your deposit is protected by a KBSA deposit protection scheme
- ensure you get a full copy of the plans , perspectives and elevations once you have agreed the kitchen so you can check you understand what is included and there is no misunderstandings at the time of installation