

I desperately needed a new kitchen to replace my dated and broken 1970's era kitchen. But the idea of making all those decisions by myself was overwhelming. I needed serious help. I knew that Liz had done smaller design and decorating jobs for friends and family members and liked her taste and thoughtful approach to decision-making. I was delighted that she was willing to go on this journey with me.

After I found a photo that illustrated the kitchen I wanted and a contractor, we started meeting weekly. I also had a deadline for the finished kitchen, so we had to be strategic and yet make difficult decisions that required attention to detail. Liz discovered that the kitchen I liked was on the Houzz website. She immediately tracked down the precise backsplash and pulls used and helped me identify the type and color of the floor tiles, cabinets, faucets and appliances.

I found a kitchen cabinet company that could meet my deadline but was having a difficult time identifying the precise upper white and lower brown cabinets I wanted. Liz made 3-4 trips with me to the company before we together identified what I was looking for. She really listened to what I wanted and never tried to change my vision. She also endorsed my choices, which was comforting because I knew she had good taste and was honest about what she thought.

The kitchen layout was another problem. I wanted an island but was not sure where to put it. One evening, after another kitchen meeting when we were walking to Liz's car, she looked up at a neighbor's house and saw an island in a location that might work for my kitchen. The neighbors kindly let us in to see their layout and it was perfect for mine.

It took about 3-4 months to order everything and another 3-4 months for the contractor to finish. I now have a kitchen I love. I would not have had the courage to make all of those extremely difficult, costly decisions by myself. But Liz asked great questions and helped me problem solve every step of the way and always stayed true to my vision of what I wanted.

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