

# HOW TO ADD *Instant Luxury* TO YOUR KITCHEN

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*Everyone's taste is different, but the idea of luxury is universal. Luxury isn't just about designer price tags and custom components; it's a state of being that can transcend cost. If you would like to boost the luxury factor in your kitchen, be sure follow these reliable design tactics.*

## *Ware it with pride*



Cabinet hardware is often overlooked as a kitchen upgrade. It's easy to lust after brand new cabinets, but sometimes a simple hardware change can rejuvenate a room just as effectively. For a tiny fraction of the cost of new cabinets and an easy hour's work with a drill, new knobs and pulls can imbue older cabinets with luxury. Not to mention that when you do finally upgrade your cabinets, you can transfer the new hardware.

## *Make a splash*



Installing a new backsplash is simpler than it looks. DIY trends have made kitchen backsplashes into centerpieces, and the selection of backsplashes at your local home improvement store is most likely staggering. There's a style for every taste, and luxurious backsplashes that will fit any homeowner's budget.

## *Fix your fixture*



Nothing adds visual drama like a change in lighting. A new light fixture is a two-for-one upgrade: fresh new light for your kitchen and fresh new jewelry for your kitchen ceiling. Before purchasing a luxurious light fixture, though, consider any lighting problems in your current kitchen and seek to solve them while selecting your fixture design.

## *Pull back the curtain*



Another item that affects both the lighting and design of your kitchen is your window treatment. Luxury is frequently equated with sumptuous fabrics, so show off with your curtains. Choose curtains in a deep-hued color, analogous to the main color of your kitchen. Heavy drapery not only adds luxury, it has the added benefit of durability.

## *Think like a pro*

You can upgrade every decorative element of your kitchen, but if you pull a scratched up old Teflon pan out of your custom maple cabinets, the jig is up. Upgraded cookware is another place to double your value because it offers looks and performance. Hang your beautiful new cookware above the kitchen island for instant luxury.

## *Make other (seating) arrangements*



Forget the tools and the paintbrushes for a moment. You can add luxury without lifting a finger by purchasing new bar stools. If you have a kitchen island with a 36" or higher countertop, dress it up with some bar stools or upgrade stools you already have. Every homeowner has items they save on and items they splurge on; always splurge on high-traffic furniture items. Stools are a great example, and can give your kitchen the luxury it deserves.

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