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Your kitchen isn't just a functional space; it's where culinary creations are made, relationships are nurtured and time is spent in pleasant company. If you're ready to remodel your kitchen, take out the guesswork and get advice from the experts. Here are 5 tips for remodeling your kitchen from the professional designers at Arizona's premier cabinetry and kitchen design company, Affinity Kitchens.

- 1. Think Outside the Kitchen Consider the rooms or open spaces adjacent to the kitchen so that the final design solution is well integrated, especially if the original layout will be changed significantly.
- 2. Good/Better/Best Storage Roll-out shelves are significantly more convenient than fixed shelves. However, nothing compares with drawers for easy access and efficiency.
- 3. Trash the Place Put a convenient, dual bin recycle/trash pullout next to any sink.
- 4. Get Cozy Since the kitchen is the heart of the home, consider including an intimate seating area to enjoy the company of family and friends.
- 5. Work with a Pro There's more to kitchen design than a working triangle. Certified Kitchen Designers (CKDs) follow 31 guidelines established by the National Kitchen and Bath Association (NKBA). Hiring an experienced designer will assure a more valuable, satisfying outcome.

