

The Kitchen Island...A Must For The Contemporary Kitchen!

If you're going to be remodeling a kitchen anytime soon, you'll probably be considering whether or not to add a kitchen island to what most people would say is the most popular gathering place in the house...the kitchen!

According to a National Association of Home Builders survey that was taken recently, 80% of home buyers consider a kitchen island either desirable or essential. So, if you're remodeling and you have room for an island and the budget to include one, why not add this luxury item?

Contemporary kitchens typically include an island that sits in the middle of the floor space. It anchors the room and provides easily accessible counter space from every direction. Oftentimes a pot rack hangs above the island where a variety of pots, pans and cooking utensils can be easily accessed, making cooking in the kitchen easier and more fun!

Many islands are part of a large custom kitchen remodeling project. To keep the costs down, you can minimize the features, and go with stock cabinetry and stock laminate counters. You can also buy less expensive, free-standing units with all the bells and whistles. I've been impressed with the variety of free-standing units available, and the ones with unique, contemporary designs fit in nicely with my favorite modern interior decorating style.

Of course, if you're building your "Dream Kitchen" and you have a large budget for your kitchen remodeling project, be sure to opt for a large, custom-built island designed just the way you'd like. Adding decorative touches that incorporate your décor theme, such as decorative kitchen towels, vases, candles or a cool, artistic centerpiece make your kitchen island a dominant visual element in the room that is both functional and eye-catching!

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