

Cottage Kitchen Remodel Checklist

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Work through these in order before you order cabinets, stone, or fixtures.

1. Commit to the cottage look

- ☐ Decide: cottage, farmhouse, or rustic - write the choice down and judge every purchase against it
- ☐ Pick 2-3 textile patterns total; keep everything else solid
- ☐ Choose the dominant cabinet color (warm white, sage, soft blue-gray, buttery cream)

2. Signature cottage details

- ☐ Place beadboard: island back and/or one wainscot wall and/or the ceiling (max 2 surfaces)
- ☐ Spec an apron-front sink under a window when plumbing allows; bridge faucet in aged brass or matte black
- ☐ Plan an eat-in banquette nook: ~30-inch table, hinged bench top for storage, one low pendant

3. Cabinets, color & hardware

- ☐ Shaker or flat-panel doors; whites with a touch of warmth (avoid stark modern white)
- ☐ One hardware finish throughout: cup pulls on drawers, simple knobs on doors
- ☐ If cabinet boxes are solid, price refacing against full replacement before committing

4. Materials that age gracefully

- ☐ Island top: butcher block; perimeter: honed soapstone or soft marble (matte, not polished)
- ☐ Floors: warm oak or pine; backsplash: handmade-look subway tile or beadboard splash
- ☐ Keep the material count tight - no more than 3-4 surfaces competing

5. Keep it cottage, not cluttered

- ☐ One open-shelf run only, styled with pieces you actually use
- ☐ Corral countertop clutter into a tray or a single crock by the range
- ☐ Pull everything off counters on install day; add back only what you reach for daily
- ☐ After install: one empty week of surfaces, then re-edit - coziness comes from warmth, not volume