

French Kitchen Aesthetic Planning Checklist

Proportions - materials - finishes - lighting - layout decisions

PROPORTIONS & LAYOUT

- ☐ Center the range on the longest wall; mirror cabinet widths outward from it
- ☐ Pair identical upper cabinets on each side of the stone hood
- ☐ Center the island on the range axis
- ☐ Balance big appliances with one large element (pantry pair or windows)

CABINETS & FINISHES

- ☐ Choose inset or beaded-inset doors with raised panels
- ☐ Add furniture feet or a base valance, plus crown molding to the ceiling
- ☐ Select aged brass or unlacquered brass cup pulls and knobs
- ☐ Pick a low-sheen finish: warm putty, muted sage, charcoal-green, or aged oak

STONE & SURFACES

- ☐ Select limestone or limestone-look quartzite for counters
- ☐ Finish walls in warm-white lime plaster or a plaster-look finish
- ☐ Use wide-plank oak or aged-look wood floors - avoid gray tones
- ☐ Keep the palette to three main materials and one metal finish throughout

LIGHTING

- ☐ Hang aged brass pendants 30-36 in above the island
- ☐ Add warm-white (2700K) under-cabinet task lighting
- ☐ Include sconces or a picture light over display storage
- ☐ Put every lighting layer on dimmers

PLANNING DECISIONS

- ☐ Verify the range wall can support a stone or plaster hood
- ☐ Confirm electrical capacity for layered lighting plus a 36-in range
- ☐ Lock cabinet and stone selections before appliances and fixtures
- ☐ Sequence the project: layout, cabinets, stone, lighting, sink/faucet/range