

Mid Century Modern Kitchen Planning Checklist

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The cabinet, wood, color, lighting, and layout decisions from the article, in one worksheet.

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Cabinets

Flat-panel (slab) fronts on every visible run - no raised panels, no arches, no heavy molding.

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Wood species

Pick ONE dominant wood: walnut, teak, or white oak. Keep grain direction horizontal.

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Second wood

Allow at most one supporting wood (island or open shelves). Three wood tones is too many.

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Color palette

One warm neutral base (warm white, camel, sand) + one mid-tone + one saturated accent (olive, mustard, terracotta, teal).

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Lighting plan

Choose the statement fixture first (sputnik, globe pendants, drum shades); finalize before electrical rough-in.

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Task lighting

Add recessed/track lighting plus under-cabinet strips. Keep bulbs warm: 2700K-3000K.

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Hardware

One finish family throughout: slim bar pulls, small round knobs, or handleless fronts.

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Counters & backsplash

Quiet surfaces that let the wood lead: honed quartz, simple solid surface, handmade-look tile.

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Original features

Preserve what is irreplaceable: exposed beams, brick, clerestory windows, original floors.

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Storage

Plan real storage: full-height pull-outs, appliance garage, pantry - period kitchens held less stuff.

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Accessories

Limit retro pieces to 2-3 focal items so the room reads authentic, not themed.

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Walkthrough

Walk the full plan with a designer or contractor before any materials are ordered.

