

Village Kitchen Planning Checklist

Old-world character with modern function — drawn from Vexkitch Kitchen Remodeling's guide

Shell Materials — where the character lives

- ☐ Decide on lime-washed or clay plaster walls (skip flat drywall)
- ☐ Choose a honed natural stone for backsplash or countertops
- ☐ Plan wood with visible grain: cabinets, ceiling beam, or hood mantle
- ☐ Confirm flooring suits the palette (terracotta, stone, or wood)
- ☐ Verify plaster/stone suit Chula Vista humidity and light

Collected Details — gathered, not staged

- ☐ Pick aged brass or iron hardware (unlacquered brass patinas naturally)
- ☐ Plan 1–2 runs of open stone or wood shelving for daily-use pottery
- ☐ Choose one statement piece with history (dough bowl, vintage scale)
- ☐ Add natural textiles: linen runner, woven produce basket
- ☐ Keep closed storage for everyday clutter off the countertops

Modern Function — the parts you touch every day

- ☐ Specify full-extension drawers and pull-out shelving inside cabinets
- ☐ Add soft-close hinges and tray dividers near the range
- ☐ Plan layered lighting: general + under-cabinet + island pendants
- ☐ Use warm 2700K–3000K bulbs, consistent across fixtures
- ☐ Panel-ready dishwasher and refrigerator behind cabinet fronts
- ☐ Size a range hood that vents to the exterior
- ☐ Keep worktop height at 36" and plan clear landing zones

Planning — before construction starts

- ☐ Separate old-world surfaces from modern-function elements on paper
- ☐ Budget shell materials first, collected details after the build
- ☐ Sequence plaster, stone, cabinetry, then hardware last
- ☐ Gather reference photos and note which surfaces carry the character
- ☐ Book a design consultation to align finishes, layout, and lighting