

Vintage Pink Pairing Checklist

Cabinets, tile, wood, and hardware — the five decisions behind a vintage pink kitchen

1. Pink Tone Choice

- ☐ Picked a lead tone: dusty rose, blush, or vintage enamel pink
- ☐ Checked the undertone against tile and wood samples
- ☐ Viewed samples in my own kitchen lighting, morning and evening

2. Cabinet Finish

- ☐ Decided: refinish existing boxes or replace with new cabinets
- ☐ Chose a satin finish for durability and soft light reflection
- ☐ Confirmed finish quality with painted door samples, not paper swatches

3. Tile Pairing

- ☐ Chose a handmade-look blush square tile instead of matching pink to pink
- ☐ Selected warm white grout (not bright white, not gray)
- ☐ Decided on layout: straight-stack, and backsplash height

4. Wood Tone

- ☐ Picked one dominant wood (white oak, walnut, or butcher block)
- ☐ Limited to one accent wood at most
- ☐ Kept floors, island, and shelving coordinated as a pair

5. Hardware & Lighting

- ☐ Chose aged or brushed brass over chrome or polished nickel
- ☐ Matched pull style across drawers and doors (cups + knobs)
- ☐ Specified warm bulbs (2700-3000K) for all kitchen lighting