Kitchen Measurement Guide

Planning Your Kitchen Renovation

Accurate kitchen measurements are the first step toward a successful renovation. Your measurements help us design a space that fits perfectly — avoiding costly surprises and delays. Don't worry — you don’t need to be a professional! This guide will walk you through it step by step. You can always reach out to us if you are feeling overwhelmed… We are happy to make an appointment to measure your space.

What You'll Need

- Metal Tape measure Ideally one that is 25-35ft
- Graph paper (see included sheet)
- Pencil
- Ruler or straightedge
- Step stool
- Smartphone or camera
- Friend (helpul for long distances)

Step 1: Draw a Rough Sketch

Start by sketching the basic shape of your kitchen on graph paper. It doesn’t have to be perfect — it’s a reference for your measurements. Include:

- All walls
- Doors and windows
- Soffits or dropped ceilings
- Openings to other rooms

👉**Pro Tip:** Use one square = 1 foot for easy scaling. Remember you don’t have to be exact…this is just to get a basic layout to help achieve a realistic plan.

Step 2: Measure the Walls

Measure each wall from corner to corner at floor level. Record wall height, noting any changes from bulkheads, soffits, or dropped ceilings. Measure wall space on both sides of windows and doors. Note the size and position of any bulkheads or soffits.

Step 3: Measure Windows and Doors

For each window and door, measure the following:

- **Width:** Measure the outside width of the window or door frame including the trim.
- **Height:** Measure the outside height of the window or door frame.
- **Distance from the corner:** Measure the distance from the corner of the room to the edge of the window or door frame.
- **Optional but helpful:**
- **Distance to the centers:** Measure from the corner of the room to the center of the windows and doors

Measurement Task	Your Notes (dimensions, direction, etc.)
Width and height of each window/door (outside of trim to trim) Measurement from corners to each window and door as well as **between** each window and door	
Floor to bottom of window sill	
measurement of corner of kitchen to CASEMENT of window & center of window h	
(Optional) Ceiling to top of window/door trim	

👉**Pro Tip:** Pay close attention to trim — some trims extend past the opening and impact cabinet placement.

Step 4: Measure Appliances and Fixtures

Measure the width, height, and depth of all existing appliances (refrigerator, stove, dishwasher, microwave) and fixtures (sink, faucets). Note the location of plumbing and electrical outlets relative to these items. Don't forget to measure any ventilation (rangehood etc.).

Item	W / H / D (inches)	Model #
Refrigerator		
Range / Oven		
Microwave		
Dishwasher		
Wall Oven		
Hood / Vent		
Sink	*Centered in window/wall?*	
Faucet	*Single or double handle?*	
Disposal	*Yes / No* – Location?	

👉**Pro Tip:** If your refrigerator has a water line, note its location on the wall or floor behind the fridge. This affects placement and cabinetry.

Step 5: Measure Countertops

Measure the length and width of each countertop section. Note the distance from the wall to the edge of the countertop. Also, measure the height of the countertops from the floor.

Step 6: Take Photos

- Photograph each wall, corner, and ceiling.
- Photograph all appliances.
- Include wide shots and close-ups of areas that seem tricky or unique.

👉**Pro Tip:** Take more photos than you think you need. We can often answer questions or spot issues just from your photos!

Step 7: Account for Obstructions

Identify and measure any obstructions, such as pipes, radiators, or outlets, that might affect your renovation plans. Note their location and dimensions on your sketch.

Step 8: Double Check your measurements

Review your sketch and measurements to ensure accuracy. It's always a good idea to double-check your work to avoid costly mistakes later on. Consider getting a second person to verify your findings.

Tips for Accurate Measurements

- Use a **good quality measuring tape** that is easy to read.
- **Measure twice, cut once.**
- Round measurements to the nearest 1/8 inch (or millimeter, if you're using metric).
- **Be consistent** with your units of measurement (inches or centimeters).
- **Measure everything.** It's better to have too much information than not enough.
- **Don't assume anything.** Measure even if you think you know the size.
- **Take your time.** Rushing can lead to errors.
- **Label everything clearly** on your sketch.

Submitting Your Measurements

Please email your sketch and photos to:
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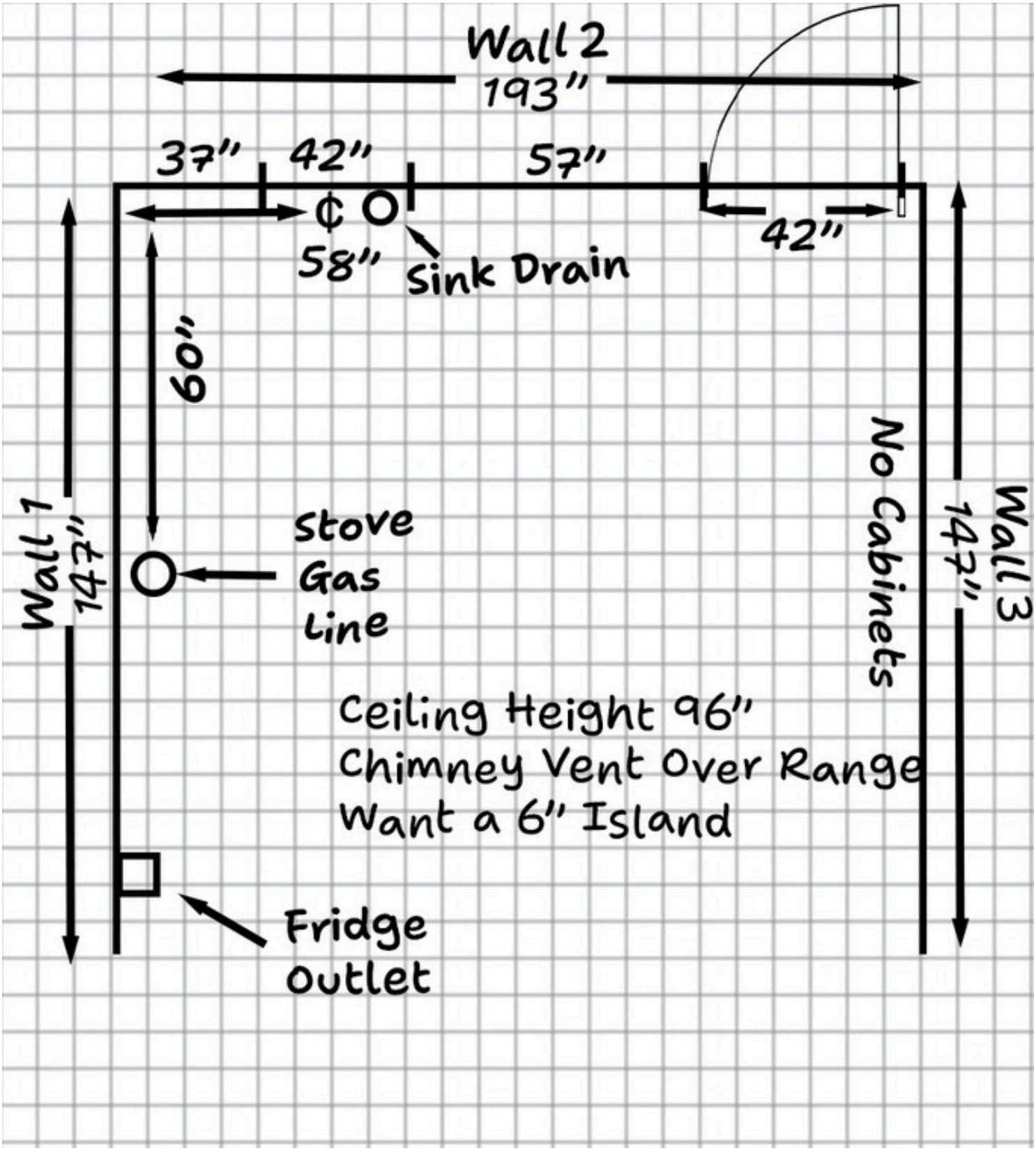

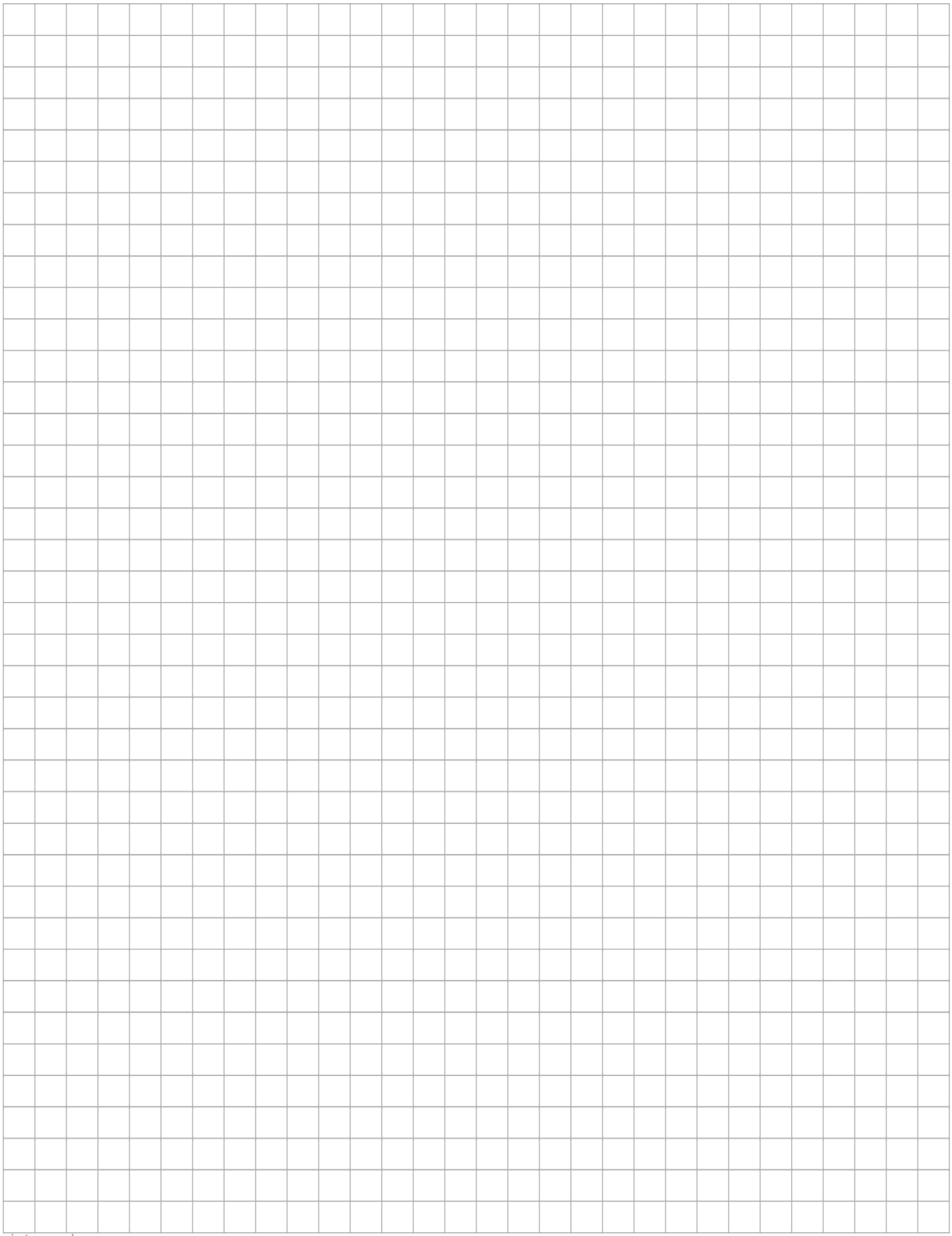

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