Kitchen remodeling trends 2027 at a glance

What the 2027 research says, what California and the tariff calendar change, and what it costs in San Diego. Full guide: kaminskiyhomeremodeling.com/blog/kitchen-remodeling-trends-2027/

Area	What the 2027 research says	What to know in San Diego
Layout	81%: zoned layouts are here to stay; partial walls and partitions replace the fully open plan; 47% expect back kitchens and prep spaces; 52% expect larger kitchens, down from 76% (NKBA 2027)	Same layout $100,000 to $150,000; re-zoned $150,000 to $225,000 and three to four more weeks
Cabinets	White oak the wood of choice for 49%; 85% hide appliances in cabinetry; 64% say open shelving is on its way out; 54% expect the island in its own color (NKBA 2027)	About a third of the budget; imported cabinets carry a 25% tariff, 50% from January 1, 2027 as scheduled
Countertops	Quartzite 78%, quartz 74%; 48% prefer honed or matte (NKBA 2027)	Imported quartz tariff since August 15, 2026; California's draft rule on high-silica engineered stone is pending, not adopted
Cooking	Induction is the top kitchen product, net 57% of architects (AIA 2026); only 27% of designers expect AI ovens to be wanted (NKBA 2027)	No electric-ready mandate for remodels; a gas range needs a stronger hood; tax credits and rebates have ended
Pantry and stations	Beverage areas 90%; pantries as working extensions 88%; walk-in pantries 67% (NKBA 2027); walk-in pantry wanted by 80% of buyers (NAHB 2024)	A pantry wall, appliance garage or coffee niche does the job where there is no room for a walk-in
Lighting	Layered lighting 84%; under-cabinet 87%; in-cabinet 76%; pendants 46% (NKBA 2027)	Code: high-efficacy fixtures, dimmers, under-cabinet lights on their own switch
Color	Neutrals 96%, greens 83%, blues 75% (NKBA 2027); 2027 colors of the year include Webster Green, Celery and Grounded	Put color on the island, lower cabinets and walls; keep stone, wood and floors neutral

What San Diego homeowners ask for (written kitchen inquiries, Kaminskiy records)

Finding	Share
Also name a bathroom	42%
Mention flooring	24%
Ask to change the layout or move something	22%
Mention windows or doors	19%
Mention cabinets by name	18%
Ask to open or remove a wall	8%
Kitchen proposals priced with another room or an addition, 2022 and 2023	About six in ten

How long a San Diego kitchen takes

Phase	Time
Design and selections	Six to ten weeks
Permit	Days on a no-plan permit; weeks through plan check when a wall moves
Custom cabinetry on order	Ten to fourteen weeks
Construction	Eight to ten weeks in the same layout; twelve to sixteen when a wall comes down

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