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Where to save and splurge on your kitchen renovation

The kitchen is a hive of activity – it's used for mealtimes, entertaining friends and creating culinary masterpieces. But when it comes to kitchen renovations, knowing where you can save and splurge can be tricky – especially during a tough economic climate.

Whether it's a big or small kitchen renovation, it all comes down to the type of cook you are and the appliances you need the most. So, we're here to guide you through the different things you can splurge and save on for your kitchen renovation.

What can you splurge on?

Benchtops

Your **kitchen benchtop** can easily be one of the most-used elements of your newly renovated kitchen. So, investing in a durable and practical benchtop that suits your space is a must. And while materials such as stone might cost more, their tough nature and style will add practicality and aesthetics to your kitchen. You can also customise your benchtop to suit your kitchen to make the most of your space.

Dishwasher

A good-quality, reliable **dishwasher** is essential for any kitchen renovation design. They can be the difference between a quick clean-up at mealtime and spending extra hours in the kitchen. Picking a dishwasher with a good rating and functions like **NEFF's Vario Speed**, the speed on demand function that is a perfect time saver, enables you to spend more time on important things, like cooking. **NEFF's range** of fully-integrated, semi-integrated and built-under dishwashers also have helpful inclusions like Door Open Sensor, which lets you push the door to gently open, or **Silent Drive**, which reduces the noise your dishwasher makes for extra quiet operation.

Oven

If you love cooking a **Sunday roast** or baking up a storm (**hello chocolate cookies**!), a top-quality oven is an appliance worth your investment. There are **different types of ovens** out there, so it's a good idea to think about the size and type of oven you will need based on what you like to cook. Are you someone with a high level or cooking? Or are you more of a recreational baker?

The NEFF **built-in double oven** combines functionality with space and allows you to cook different meals at the same time, meaning you can have dinner and desert baking away in unison.

Our popular **Slide & Hide®** oven makes retrieving your cooking easier with its fully retractable door that slides under the cavity and out of your way.

And the **NEFF steam oven range with Full Steam** can elevate your cooking experience by adding moisture to food that is prone to dry out, such as salmon.

If you're really looking to splurge, take a look at **NEFF's Home Connect products**, including ovens, which use WIFI connectivity and the latest technology to give you a smarter cooking experience. These appliances are managed via the Home Connect app and controlled from your smartphone or tablet.

Want to see these appliances in action? Then you can **book in a free NEFF demonstration**. Our NEFF kitchen experts can help you find the oven that's right for your cooking needs.

Overall layout

It can be easy to get caught up in choosing the appliances you want – but making sure your **kitchen layout** is practical and well planned is one of the most important things to spend money on. Take your time and consult an expert if needed to make your kitchen the best it can be.

What can you save on?

Microwave

If you're someone who prefers to cook with an oven or stovetop, a **microwave** might not be high on your priority list. Choosing a cheaper microwave could help save on costs. If it's space you're wanting to capitalise on, consider hybrid appliances – like the **NEFF built-in compact oven with microwave function,** which gives you two appliances in one.

Cabinetry

The **cabinetry** in a kitchen is important, but it can also be expensive. See if you can save on costs by upcycling old material or sourcing items from second-hand dealers. Social media groups and curbside pickups can also be a goldmine, with many people selling old items for cheap or giving them away for free. And a fresh coat of paint can do wonders in transforming a cupboard from old to new and can add character with high gloss, matt and distressed finishes. You can also cut down on costs by having a go at the task yourself, reducing the need to hire tradespeople.

Lighting

Lighting in a kitchen doesn't have to be flashy, but it does have to be practical. By installing ample lighting above your key cooking stations – your preparation bench, cooktop and sink – you will ensure your kitchen is functional at all hours of the day. You should also consider purchasing LEDs and CFLs globes, as they are the most energy efficient types of lighting and will serve you better in the long run. Kitchen lighting doesn't have to be expensive, but making sure the lights themselves are in a useful position will allow you more time to concentrate on what's important: food.

If you're looking for other items to save or splurge on, consider the type and quality of your flooring, splashback, pantry size and storage space. These areas can all be tailored to meet budget requirements with options for high and lower-quality products available.

About NEFF

NEFF is a German-engineered kitchen appliance brand, with a product range that includes ovens, cooktops, rangehoods, coffee machines and dishwashers designed to make life in the kitchen a daily pleasure. For people who love to cook, NEFF gives you the tools to create meaningful connections, express your creativity and make memories. Because real life happens in the kitchen.

Learn more about NEFF **here.**

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