

CAN A KITCHEN DESIGN LAST A LIFETIME?

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Kitchens play a key role in adult's lifespan. Kitchen design impacts how individuals and families function. This is a second part of a two part study exploring kitchen design preferences across adults' lifetimes. Participants used interviews, surveys, and three-dimensional model building to express their kitchen design preferences. Interviews revealed that some individuals designed past kitchens and some designed future kitchens. Participants who had built custom homes designed that kitchen. Participants that have not built created a new design. This study is significant to designers and builders because it indicates that a preferable design will stay with people throughout their life.