



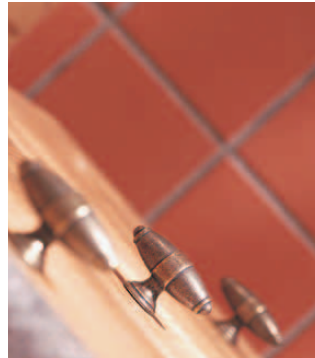
# B&Q Kitchen Planner

## ...getting started

If you take the time to get to know your kitchen, designing a new one can be a stress free experience. It may be tempting to simply follow the existing layout, but it is well worth considering all the other alternatives. So sit back, relax and explore all the options.

### A kitchen to suit your needs

It helps to have a clear idea of what you really want from your kitchen and the part it plays in your life – is it simply somewhere to cook and grab a snack, a place to relax, a room for entertaining or a welcoming focal point for family gatherings? At this stage, you don't have to come up with solutions, as long as you can draw up a list of your basic requirements.



### First steps

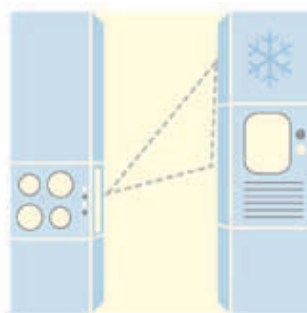
When planning your new kitchen it's important that it is functional. The key to success is to ensure that your kitchen revolves around you. To make life easy the first step is to create a work triangle between the sink, cooker and fridge - as pictured left. This will ensure the workspace is not cramped and that you can move freely between appliances, yet keep walking to a minimum.

Most kitchen layouts fall into one of four basic, but very efficient, designs - as illustrated below. The layout you choose will depend on the size of your kitchen and the position of windows and doors. Plumbing and electrical points can usually be moved, so don't let the position of existing fixtures restrict your choice. However, kitchens come in many different shapes and sizes so don't be concerned if your kitchen doesn't conform. For most of us the ideal kitchen will be a compromise between style and practicality, and by combining cabinets imaginatively it is possible to transform your kitchen to suit you and your lifestyle.

To be efficient, a work triangle should be no smaller than 3.6m



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### How to use your planner

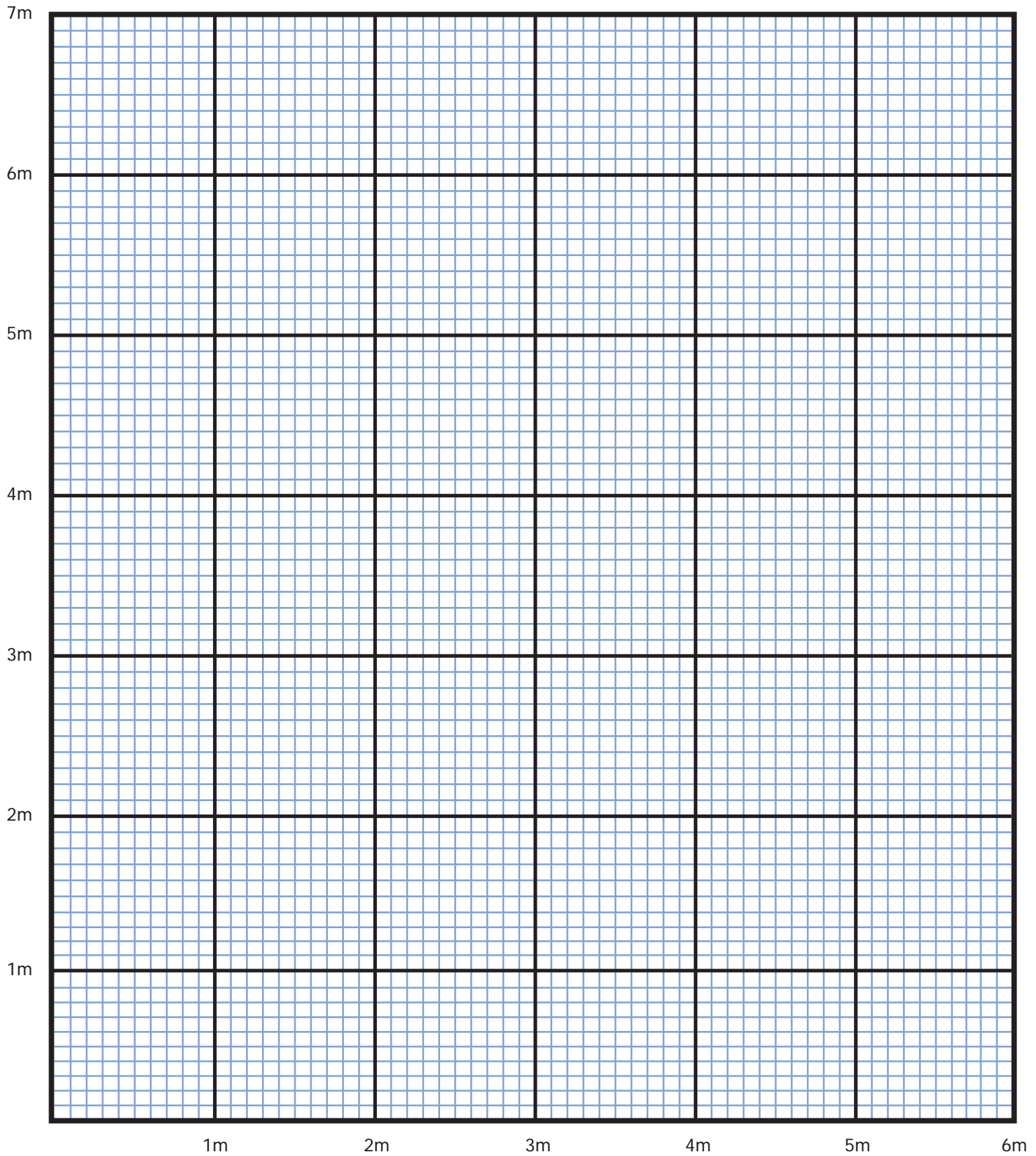
Sketching an accurate record of your existing kitchen on the planner will help you to visualise the new cabinets. Take precise measurements of the room and make a scaled plan on the planning grid provided (page 3). The ratio is easy to work out – one square = 10cm.

Mark the location of power points, plumbing, gas supply, air vents and any permanent fixtures such as windows, radiators and boilers. Make sure that you include details of doors and which way they open.

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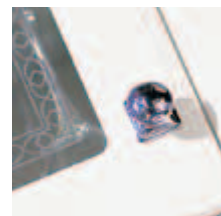
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## Finishing touches

Once you have chosen the style you prefer, attention to detail and those all-important little extras can make a big difference to the end result, creating a room that is truly unique to you. For example, even the choice of handles is yours, mix and match to create a kitchen with its own distinctive personality.



## Everything you need

The new B&Q Take Away Kitchen Collection offers a range of optional extras, from cornices to a choice of colour matched end panels. If you love the look of contemporary kitchen furniture, why not transform your cabinets by fitting decorative legs in place of a traditional plinth?

## And finally...

Never underestimate the amount of time and upheaval that can be caused, particularly if you are doing the job yourself. Allow at least one week for installation and make sure that you have plenty of space to work. For more information we'll show you 'How To' achieve the professional results you desire with our guide to ['Fitting a kitchen'](#), located in the B&Q online Advice section.

