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# Kitchen Re-Do Experts

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The kitchen is the heart and hub of the home. What do experts say are the timeless and upcoming trends in kitchen makeovers?

**JENNIFER RUNNER**

Grew Up in St. Charles, Currently Resides in Elburn with Lance Cross and Chocolate Lab, Lola

*Hobbies:* Walking, hiking, cooking and gardening

*Occupation:* AKBD, Residential Kitchen & Bath Designer, Normandy Remodeling, Hinsdale

*What's Hot:* Modern, clean, traditional mixed with retro, open, streamlined designs between kitchen and adjacent areas with pops of bright color; open shelves, plank-style tiles, stone and wood stone countertops with thick laminated edges; retro appliances with color; LED low-voltage strip lighting with touch sensors; and concealable integrated coffee bars and message centers.

*Timeless Traditions:* White, crisp cabinetry mixed with a simple door style; solid 2-1/4" oak hardwood flooring; stainless steel finishes for appliances, plumbing fixtures, and cabinetry hardware; built-in shelving, clear glass cabinetry fronts, simple light fixtures, and soft and warm colors.

**BARBARA QUATROKE**

18-year Resident of Bartlett, Married to Les Quatroke for 33 Years, Two Sons and Two Grandsons

*Hobbies:* Reading, walking, and playing with her grandchildren

*Occupation:* Owner, Q's Cabinet Shoppe, Ltd., Naperville

*What's Hot:* Functional kitchen spaces, removing soffits, designing islands, painted white cabinets, transitional-style cabinetry allowing contemporary cabinets to fit well in a traditional kitchen, white painted and glazed perimeters with richly stained maple or cherry for the island and/or hutch, or a richly stained and glazed perimeter and a black painted island and/or hutch that has rub-thru, wearing and light distressing, darker, richer colors.

*Timeless Traditions:* Thoughtful, well-balanced, functional and aesthetically pleasing designs will always remain classic designs.

**JANIS POLETTO**

Grew Up in Southern California and Currently Resides in Westmont with "the Life of Her Life," John Poletto.

*Hobbies:* Horseback riding and gardening

*Occupation:* President, Kitchens and Spaces, Inc., Downers Grove

*What's Hot:* Counter-depth refrigerators, storage accessories integrated into the cabinetry, texture, maintenance-free counters such as Quartz, dark rich tones, unexpected color accents, stand-alone pieces, high-efficiency kitchens, organization elements in drawers, cleaner lines for cabinet door styles, and using white as a predominate cabinet color with pops of color in accent pieces.

*Timeless Traditions:* A kitchen that functions and flows in a way that compliments and enhances the family's lifestyle

