

THE
MOST COMMON
PLANNING ERRORS
YOU NEED
TO AVOID

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An old adage, accredited to tradesmen and artisans, says 'measure twice and cut once'. That is the most important 'rule' when making anything.

Measuring correctly is also vital when planning any room (bedroom, kitchen or study). Why? If you get the measurements wrong NOTHING WILL FIT.



While measuring accurately is vital, these are the most common mistakes people make when planning a kitchen, bedroom or study, that make it a nightmare to resolve:

1 Make a note of everything in the room on your plan



Room plans always show windows and doors but you must seek out possible obstacles such as plug-points, t.v. points, gas meters, stopcocks and anything that is in the area you are planning to fit units. You need to know where these are so you can either plan the units to fit around them or move them before you start.

An Artisanz professional room- planner will do this for you automatically. We know how best to overcome such obstructions and will advise you accordingly.

2 Decide on any changes to existing items

Are you changing your bed? Then you need to know the exact dimensions, as it may be wider than your existing divan and will be a disaster at the very end when it will not fit. Are you switching your stove from electric to gas or gas to electric? You need to know and make sure you arrange for a new electric/gas-point to be fitted.



3 Do you have any specific requirements you need to incorporate?

People often change their kitchen or bedroom because there is no space in their existing room for what they really want.



Need space for a large fridge/freezer? Want a wider dishwasher? Want more drawers and fewer cupboards? Need more hanging space and fewer shelves? Need more drawers and fewer shelves for clothes? If you have a specific need make sure you know how much space you need to make this new plan work BEFORE you plan the rest of the room.

Leave it 'til last and it may be forgotten and the whole plan will be a dud. Artisanz professional room-planners will ask you about such requirements and make sure they are accommodated. This is a FREE service from Artisanz.

4 Consult other users

Do you share this bedroom, kitchen or study? It is always best to ask ALL USERS before you make a plan as they may have their own specific needs or features that are important. Any differences of opinion are best settled before a plan is made and items are ordered.

5 Make sure what you have ordered all fits the space you have

As dim as this sounds, it is NOT uncommon to find that people have miscalculated or mis-measured and they have too many units or the units they have are too long or too short for the space. 40 years experience says this happens more often than you would think.

6 Check the door style and colours are correct

Another error easily made is ordering the wrong specification items. Because our ideas change over the course of planning and discussing kitchens and bedrooms, you need to be 100% sure you are ordering the correct codes. It might be possible to exchange all the units/worktops/ handles/taps/appliances/tiles but... what a hassle. Best to avoid this.



7 Make sure your appliances will fit the units they are to fit into

Ovens and fridge/ freezers come in many sizes – they are NOT all the same.

You need to be sure that the space you have allowed is correct AND that the doors and drawers above and below (or outside on fridge/freezers) are correct. Your Artisanz room-planner will make sure this does not occur.



8 Check that ALL items are present and correct BEFORE you start fitting

Halfway through a kitchen or bedroom installation is not a good time to find that the very next item you need to fit is not there or is the wrong size.

When you order items from different suppliers the delivery dates are often very different and are not always reliable, so wait until EVERYTHING is delivered to you before you start.

9 Do you have the special tools and fittings you need?

Scroll saw? Worktop mitre jig? Plunging router?
Laser level? Tile cutter? SDS drill?
Planer? Electrical testing meters? Skil saw? The list goes on. There is no doubting that a professional fitter is the best bet, unless you are extremely competent at carpentry and DIY. Even capable fitters use some specialist services on occasions.



10 Is your electricity/gas feed up to requirements?

New regulations mean that alterations to electricity and gas supplies need to be checked/metered and brought up to modern, legal standards of safety. (Not the worst idea!). If you DIY it you will still need to have electricians and gas installations/alterations checked by authorised professionals. It's the law.

As you can see, there are soooooo many things to think of that can make your new kitchen, bedroom or study the room you dreamed of OR the nightmare you feared.

Artisanz are professional room planners. Many years experience mean we know the questions to ask that mean we avoid these disappointments.

Room planning and a quotation from Artisanz are both FREE of charge and without any obligation to buy, and will give you peace of and confidence, knowing that an Artisanz kitchen installation will go as smoothly as the smoothest smooth thing. (And that is smooth!).

