



Aloha Chapter

## The Value of Professional Expertise in Kitchen and Bath Remodels

**R**EMODELING YOUR KITCHEN OR BATHROOM is more than a home upgrade — it's a strategic investment that increases your home's value and functionality, as well as the quality of life for you and your *ohana*. Having worked in and around the design and construction industry for over 20 years, and as president of the National Kitchen and Bath Association Aloha Chapter, I've seen the remarkable impact a well-executed remodel can have. Staying informed about the latest design trends and understanding the benefits of working with licensed professionals are key to a successful project. Here are a few highlights on why professional expertise is invaluable.

### Accurate Assessment and Design

Licensed designers and contractors offer expertise in optimizing your space, providing ideas that are practical and visually appealing. Their insights help avoid costly mistakes and bring your vision to life effectively.

### Compliance with Building Codes and Regulations

Professionals make sure your remodel meets all legal requirements. From safety regulations to plumbing standards, they know how to navigate potential issues, ensuring a smooth project.

### Quality Craftsmanship and Reliable Results

Experienced professionals deliver high-quality workmanship, minimizing future repairs and maintenance. Investing in their skills guarantees a remodel that is durable and well-executed.

### Efficient Project Management

Professionals can handle all aspects of a remodel, from sourcing materials to coordinating trades and keeping the project on schedule and within budget. Their experience streamlines the process and reduces stress for homeowners.

### Long-Term Value and Return on Investment

While professional services may have a higher initial cost, the long-term benefits — including enhanced functionality, aesthetics, and market value — make them a worthwhile investment.

A kitchen or bathroom remodel can dramatically enhance your home. By staying informed about design trends and working with professionals, you can enjoy a stylish, well-executed project that adds lasting value. For expert advice on your next remodel, connect with your local NKBA Aloha Chapter trade professionals. Together, we can transform your vision into reality.



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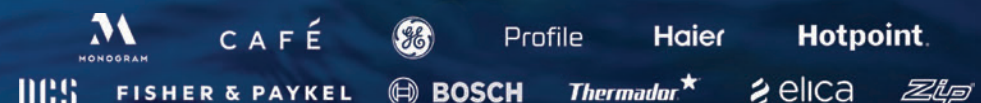
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SmartCucina by 87ZERO cabinets and luxury appliances from HPM are transforming Island homes with remarkable efficiency. Perfect for Oahu's compact apartments, these Italian-crafted cabinets provide innovative, space-saving solutions through sleek, frameless designs. In an Ala Moana Boulevard home, a modern aesthetic is achieved with gray flat-panel cabinets and high-end Miele appliances, optimizing both style and storage. These designs innovatively blend functionality with elegance.



▲ Pacific Home and Appliance Distribution

Former Waipio Gentry residents embarked on an exciting new chapter by relocating to a charming townhome in the Kaula, Kalaheo community. The earthy tones in this inviting space provide a refreshing contrast to the luxe appliances from Pacific Home and Appliance Distribution. This modern kitchen features a sleek, contemporary French door refrigerator, an efficient induction cooktop, a versatile combi-steam oven, and a double-drawer dishwasher, all by Fisher & Paykel. With these high-end amenities, the home is well-designed for family gatherings and preparing delicious, home-cooked meals.



▶ Hawaii Kitchen & Bath

Warm walnut wood takes center stage in this harmonious Kailua kitchen by Hawaii Kitchen & Bath. The horizontal-grain walnut with a clear coat accentuates the wood's natural warmth and pattern, establishing the island as the kitchen's focal point. Additional cabinets were incorporated at the back for extra storage, and tip-on latches were specified to eliminate the need for cabinet pulls, resulting in a sleek, seamless finish. Flat-panel custom cabinets in Ultra Matte White brighten the space, delivering an effortlessly modern and elegant kitchen design.





▶ **John Cook Kitchens**

John Cook Kitchens expertly redesigned and supplied high-quality products for the “Hale Pua Melia” renovation, which won the BIA-Hawaii 2023 Grand Kitchen & Bath Award in the Home Kitchen Remodel division. To enhance both elegance and functionality, a coffee bar and television niche were added to the dining room, contrasting with the rich natural wood and improving the flow between the kitchen and dining areas. The transformation features white painted cabinets, stunning white quartz countertops, light-painted walls, and enhanced lighting, brightening and unifying the entire space.



▼ **Toyo Kitchen Style Shop Hawaii**

Toyo Kitchen Style Shop Hawaii’s highly customizable iNO kitchen systems feature the company’s signature Japanese stainless-steel innovations, designed to maximize both cooking and cleaning efficiency. These durable, textured panels are just one of 30 stainless steel and high-pressure laminate options available, allowing you to tailor the look to match your home’s unique aesthetic. Additionally, sleek and functional furniture, such as the tufted Tsudo series, complements adjacent dining or living areas perfectly. This combination of style and practicality enhances both the functionality and visual appeal of your kitchen space.



◀ **Graham Builders**

Bright white and bold lighting elevate this Honolulu kitchen by Graham Builders to new heights. Designed for multigenerational living, the layout features a spacious, easily accessible flow around the large island, providing ample room for family and friends to gather comfortably. The open-concept floor plan and timeless white color palette enhance the sense of space, creating a seamless connection with the adjacent dining and living areas. This thoughtful design approach not only maximizes functionality but also enhances the overall ambiance of the home.



PHOTOS: RYAN SIPHERS; YURI LAU; COURTESY OF TOYO KITCHEN STYLE SHOP HAWAII

# A Great Design: The Foundation of Every Great Home



## ► Bella Pietra Design

Bella Pietra Design collaborated with local interior designer Jamie Jackson to create a chic and dramatic kitchen. The backsplash features Artistic Tile's Billie Ombré Grey glass, with seven grout colors forming a subtle ombré effect and ensuring rich color and seamless transitions. The kitchen island is topped with stylish Taj Mahal quartzite, while Rosa Grecia marble accents the surrounding counters. This meticulous combination of materials highlights both elegance and sophistication, culminating in a stunning transformation for this Kahala kitchen.



## ▼ Open Concept Designs

Designed by David Nadolney of Open Concept Designs, the primary bathroom in this high-rise condo was transformed into a luxurious, hotel-style spa. The shower features elegant countertops and porcelain shower panels by Todd Branson Stoneworks in soothing gray tones. LED lights installed in the shower ceiling enhance both visibility and brightness, while a frosted glass panel offers polished privacy. Below the vanity, a split-level cabinet area includes an open space for storing towels and amenities, complemented by a touch-latch floating cabinet system from Pacific Source.



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► **Pacific American Lumber**

This elegant bathroom showcases a modern material that is revolutionizing the industry. Pacific American Lumber’s new Neolith surfaces are displayed in all their grandeur throughout this private residence. Highlighted in the luxurious Calacatta Gold Silk, this sophisticated sintered stone is featured prominently in the vanity top, flooring, and wall cladding. Not only does Neolith Classtone offer a striking visual appeal, but it is also a sustainable, environmentally friendly choice. Additionally, its remarkable durability makes it resistant to scratches and stains, ensuring lasting beauty and functionality.

▼ **The Glass Guru of Honolulu**

In the master bathroom of this Kaneohe condominium, The Glass Guru of Honolulu improved the space with oversized wall mirrors, sleek glass shower panels, and enclosures that elevate the bathroom’s aesthetic and create the illusion of a more expansive area. The design features timeless black and white details, with crisp white walls, countertops and shower tiles providing a clean balance to the dark tile flooring. Modern black fixtures in the shower, vanity and lighting add sophisticated touches, completing the bathroom’s refined and cohesive look.



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► **Pamela O'Donnell of Coastal Creative Designs and L.J. Cornel of Plus Interiors**

For Island homeowners seeking modern, streamlined storage, Pamela O'Donnell of Coastal Creative Designs and L.J. Cornel of Plus Interiors offer inspiring ideas. This kitchen design features bench seating for a family of five with hidden storage; a custom workstation with pocket doors, lighting, and outlets; and an elegant island with Blum TIP-ON touch-sensitive cabinets creating a practical and stylish space.



◀ **J.R. Ludlow of Pacific Source Maui**

This kitchen was a collaborative effort between the client and J.R. Ludlow of Pacific Source Maui. It embodies a sophisticated tropical aesthetic with thoughtful details. The kitchen features a special-order Damascus Grey Viking range and a custom hood vent. Two-toned quarter-sawn oak cabinets in steel gray and glass brighten the space, complemented by a luxurious quartzite waterfall countertop. A bold chevron backsplash and woven pendant light complete the look.



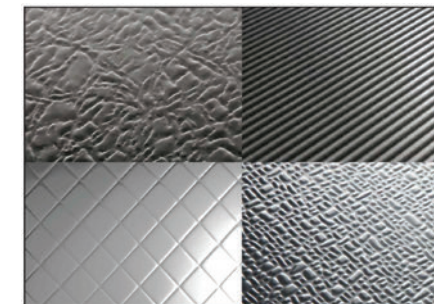
► **Pacific Home and Appliance Distribution**

This striking outdoor kitchen, designed by RavProductions and featuring Dynamic Cooking Systems (DCS) appliances from Pacific Home and Appliance Distribution, showcases sophisticated stonework by Todd Branson Stoneworks and stylish Dekton cladding. With DCS's powerful grills, versatile burners, efficient griddles, and a dual kegerator, this setup transforms al fresco dining into a top-tier cooking experience.



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► **John Cook Kitchens**

Designed by Shelley Tanner of John Cook Kitchens, this master bathroom features a spacious shower, luxurious soaker tub and ample cabinet storage. A Balinese aesthetic is achieved with textured finishes, contrasting tones and a striking distressed patina green mirror. Matte black fixtures and a unique stone river rock floor, along with a floor-to-ceiling stacked stone wall, complete the look.



◀ **Homeowners Design Center**

Randall and Jessica Omoto of Homeowners Design Center designed this Moanalua bathroom with a focus on style and functionality. The design includes mirrored, edgeless medicine cabinets above a double vanity, enhanced by LED lighting. Concealed storage within the mirrors adds practicality, combining sleek aesthetics with efficient space for a beautifully organized bathroom.

► **Homeowners Design Center**

Homeowners Design Center and Dream Home Builders Inc. modernized a Hawaii Kai bathroom into a tranquil spa oasis. The design features upscale Diamond Cabinetry in dark wood, elegant Cambria countertops, and well-organized closet storage. The spacious walk-in shower and luxurious free-standing bathtub harmonize with the sophisticated flooring and tiles, creating a serene retreat.



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