

## John Cook Kitchens

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**Certified Kitchen Designer  
Extraordinaire**

*Elevating the art and craft of home remodeling with detailed expertise and experience.*

**What inspired you to pursue a career in the design and construction industry?** After receiving an associate's degree in commercial art and a BFA in fine arts with a major in interior design, I started working for a kitchen-and-bath design and remodeling company in 1993. During my first year in the K&B field, I designed and oversaw the construction of my own 1,000-square-foot home addition. I've learned a lot about design and construction from some of the best.

**What advice would you give to young women who are considering a career in construction?** A confident individual who is detail oriented and organized are key qualities to have. This industry has become tougher and can be very stressful. Strive for what you want and go get it!

**Which female role models or mentors have influenced your career the most?** I'd have to say my mom. Raised by a single mom since I was eight, she started as a teller and worked her way up to an officer at Bank of Hawaii doing merchant sales. Because she couldn't afford to pay for my schooling, I worked full-time to pay my way through school. Life has driven me to become an independent person.