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The One Thing You Should Always Do When Decorating Your Kitchen — and the One Thing You Shouldn't

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Designing a kitchen that suits your needs, looks stylish, and is within budget may feel like a daunting task. So I polled top designers on the features that make a kitchen shine, as well as those that can cause more stress in the long run. Here, decorating experts weigh in on the most important thing to do when decorating your kitchen as well as one *major* no-no. Whether you're undergoing a total kitchen renovation or just a small mini makeover, you can thank me later!

Specifically, designers say bold colored appliances, funky tiles, and other experimental pieces are best avoided. "These items will look dated over time and can limit your design options in the future," designer Josh Hildreth says. "The kitchen is an expensive space to renovate, so by keeping the built-in elements neutral and simple, it will be easier and less costly to update the look and feel using accessories, artwork, and rugs."