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Homeowner's Planning Guide

Checklists to follow before you sign, good-to-have features, and care after you move in

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01 Before you sign

- ☐ **See finished homes, not just 3D renders**
Ask for two or three site or client references.
- ☐ **Get an itemised BOQ**
Sizes, board grade, laminate or finish codes, hardware brand and model for every item.
- ☐ **Timeline in writing**
Including what counts as a delay and what happens then.
- ☐ **Payments linked to progress**
Booking 'design sign-off' 'dispatch' 'handover'.
- ☐ **Warranty terms per category in writing**
- ☐ **Design revisions: how many, until when, and how changes are priced**
- ☐ **A GST invoice for every payment**

02 Plan your budget

- ☐ **Keep an 8-20% contingency**
Hidden costs usually come from electrical upgrades, civil fixes and design changes.
- ☐ **Remember GST at 18% on interior works**
- ☐ **Spend on what you use daily**
Carcass board, hinges, channels and countertop. Save on décor you can upgrade later.
- ☐ **Get an itemised estimate in minutes**
Use the cost calculator at vimoraya.com/cost-calculator.

03 Good-to-have features people regret skipping

- ☐ **Sockets planned per appliance and height – none too close to the sink**
- ☐ **A socket by the bathroom mirror and charging points by every bed**
- ☐ **A lighting plan finalised before the ceiling closes**
- ☐ **Kitchen: an easy hob-sink-fridge triangle, a tall pantry, pull-outs or a corner unit, and under-cabinet lights**
- ☐ **Points for the water purifier, chimney, microwave, dishwasher and washing machine**
- ☐ **Access panels for plumbing and electrical, so repairs need no breaking**
- ☐ **Shoe storage at the entrance**
- ☐ **Wardrobes that mix hanging, drawers and shelves – plus lofts for suitcases**

- ☐ Motion-sensor lights in wardrobes and the foyer
- ☐ Child-safety locks, rounded edges and anti-skid bathroom tiles
- ☐ A ventilated spot for the Wi-Fi router and set-top box

04 During execution

- ☐ Visit weekly and keep a photo log
- ☐ Check materials against the BOQ when they arrive, before they are used
- ☐ Approve every change in writing with its cost and time impact
- ☐ Keep a running snag list — it makes handover faster

05 After you move in — care basics

- ☐ **Laminate, acrylic and PU**
Mild soap in warm water and a soft cloth. Never acetone or abrasive pads; never dry-wipe high-gloss acrylic.
- ☐ **Quartz and granite**
Wipe spills quickly, use trivets and chopping boards, avoid bleach and acetone.
- ☐ **Hinges and channels**
Tighten loose screws and wipe away grease and dust; ask before oiling.
- ☐ **Chimney filters**
Wash metal filters every 2–3 weeks; replace charcoal filters every 3–6 months.
- ☐ **Monsoon**
Keep the kitchen ventilated to avoid swelling.

RESEARCH & SOURCES

- Studio Matrix — 25 interior mistakes Indian homeowners regret — <https://www.studiomatrix.org/guides/25-interior-mistakes-indian-homeowners-regret>
- Hettich India — essentials for a modular kitchen — <https://web.hettich.com/en-in/inspiration/blogs/creating-the-heart-of-your-home-essential-factors-to-consider-when-setting-up-a-modular-kitchen-in-india>
- Decor Cabinets — general cabinet care — <https://academy.decorcabinets.com/decor-manuals/general-cabinet-care/>
- Granite Selection — cleaning quartz countertops — <https://graniteselection.com/blog/how-to-clean-quartz-countertops/>
- Beyond Appliances — chimney filter cleaning — <https://beyondappliances.in/blogs/healthy-kitchen-living/kitchen-chimney-filter-cleaning-complete-faq-guide>
- GST on interior works — <https://busy.in/gst-rates/interior-work>

General guidance for homeowners. Your project agreement and warranty card set the exact terms of your project.

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