

FREE GUIDE FROM COPPERSILL

# Kitchen Contractor Vetting Checklist

Every license, document, and question to clear before you sign with a kitchen contractor.



Plan your kitchen remodel with open eyes — then get matched, free, with licensed, insured remodelers near you. You compare quotes and choose who to hire.

## Before you let anyone quote

- Confirm they are licensed for remodeling in your state or city.
- Confirm they carry liability insurance and workers' compensation.
- Verify both yourself — ask for numbers and check with the issuing office.
- Ask whether they pull the permits.

## Documents to collect

- 1 Copy of the contractor license (and check it is active).
- 2 Certificate of insurance, listing you if possible.
- 3 Recent references for similar kitchens.
- 4 A written, itemized quote and scope.
- 5 A clear payment schedule tied to milestones.



## Questions worth asking

- Who pulls the permits, and is that in the price?
- What is the payment schedule, and what's the deposit?
- How are change orders handled and priced?
- What warranty covers the cabinets, the counters, and the labor?
- Who is on site day to day, and who are the subs?

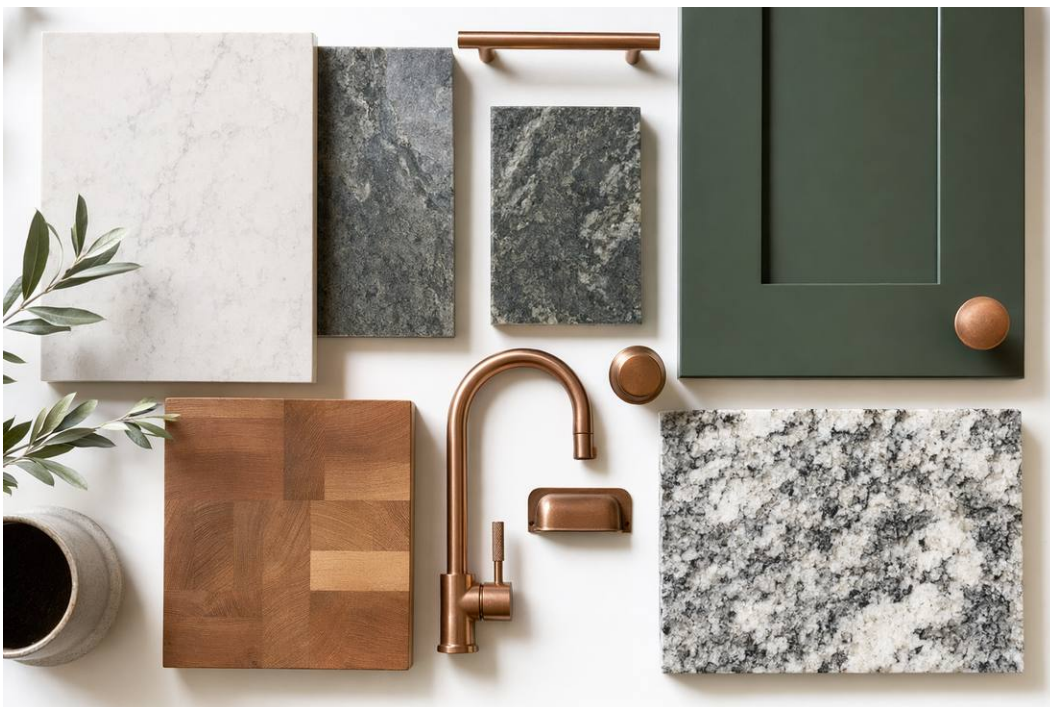
## Red flags — slow down

- A large cash-only deposit before a signed contract.
- No license, no insurance, or refusal to show them.
- No written contract or a vague one-page quote.
- High-pressure 'sign today' discounts.



## Before you pay the final amount

- 1 Confirm the work passed final inspection.
- 2 Confirm the scope was completed as written.
- 3 Get lien waivers if subcontractors were used.
- 4 Keep all warranty paperwork together.





## Important

CopperSill is a free matching service, not a kitchen remodeler, general contractor, or licensed professional. Cost figures are typical ranges and estimates, not quotes or guarantees; your real price depends on the size of the kitchen, the scope of work, the materials you choose, site conditions, and your area. Always hire licensed, insured remodelers, verify the license and insurance yourself, confirm price and scope in writing before any deposit, and follow your local permit and building code.