



Q&A stephanie forbes

Choosing a kitchen-renovation specialist can be daunting so we chatted to Stephanie Forbes from The Kitchen Specialists Association, a non-profit organisation overseen by a national committee, for a few guidelines. ksa.co.za

What is the KSA? The KSA is the only industry body for the kitchen industry in South Africa. We monitor and increase skills and ethics within the industry, and offer recourse and assistance to consumers who utilise the services of a KSA-registered company. **How do you know if a company is registered?** A member will display the logo and have brochures, flyers and a membership certificate. For surety visit the KSA website where all members are listed in the Member section with a reference to their membership status (current or suspended). **In a dispute with a registered contractor can the KSA help?** Yes. If clients have a problem they can register the dispute. We notify the member and request a response in 48 hours. If possible we resolve the issue through telephonic intervention, otherwise we organise a site inspection where both parties and a representative from the KSA executive committee are present. Our aim is to be fair and objective on behalf of both parties. **What are your top tips if considering a kitchen renovation?** Do your homework: know what you are prepared to spend and don't be afraid to tell the company your budget. Have an idea of the look and feel you want, and ensure the company has a track record and good references. Compare apples with apples when looking at quotes. Know your timeline – a kitchen installation may take longer than anticipated, particularly if you have chosen stone or timber tops.



OPEN-AND-SHUT CASE

Andy de Klerk's reputation as a master joiner precedes him. His Cape Town-based company, Cabinetworks, designs and produces practical and attractive cabinetry, shelves and furniture, while combining modular European cabinet systems with handmade woodwork. Whatever style you're after, Cabinetworks will customise its design service to suit each client. cabinetworks.co.za

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IS JUST THE THING FOR A POP OF COLOUR IN THE KITCHEN.



COLONEL IN THE KITCHEN

Staub enamelware has added an earthy new mustard shade to the range of eight existing colours. Featuring a matt black enamelled interior and self-basting spikes inside the lid for an even simmering system, you can take it straight from stovetop to table. Available in round or oval cocottes, in 10 to 37cm, from R610 at Kitchen Passion. kitchenpassion.co.za

LUCK OF THE DRAWER

Blu_line recently launched Motif, a new luxury drawer insert and cabinet range that features LED lighting that is triggered when the drawer is opened. The cabinet interiors are charcoal and thick shelving ensures effective support. blu-line.co.za

