

The Galley Swap Shopping List

Budget upgrades for a wider, custom look

Transform your cramped galley kitchen without a total gut job. Execute these high-impact swaps in the exact right order to recreate an expensive look for less.

● Key Swap Measurements

2 in

LED setback behind upper cabinet lip

15 sq ft

Standard backsplash area for grout swap

1/4 in

Flat trim thickness for slab doors

2.5 x 7 ft

Standard runner size; adjust for border

2

Thin coats of matte black paint

Under \$20

Cost for beginner grout pen swap

2 hours

Time to complete the grout swap

Erase Mistakes Instantly

Keep a damp rag handy to wipe away grout pen slips immediately. A little prep prevents peeling, so always use gentle, even pressure and avoid flooding the line.



● Installation Order

- 1 **Paint Walls and Kicks** Do this first so drips don't ruin finished surfaces. Tape off the bottom edge for crisp lines.
- 2 **Build and Paint Trim** Upgrade cabinet slabs before tackling the delicate backsplash.
- 3 **Apply White Grout Pen** Transform the tile once the heavy work is completely done.
- 4 **Roll Out the Runner** Place your striped flat-weave rug as the very last step to widen the aisle visually.

● Swap vs. Pricier Upgrade

Find your row: **Your planned update**

Your planned update	Your pick	Why
Full retile	Grout pen swap	Saves \$300 to \$600 and 2 to 3 days
Peel-and-stick tile	Grout pen swap	Saves \$75 to \$150 and 4 hours
Painted tile	Grout pen swap	Saves \$50 and 1 day of work
Custom Shaker doors	Trim on slab doors	Avoids buying heavy new cabinet hinges

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- ☐ Slim LED strips for under-cabinet lighting
- ☐ Bright white grout pen
- ☐ Heavy-duty kitchen degreaser
- ☐ Flat trim strips and appropriate adhesive
- ☐ Flat matte black paint and painter's tape
- ☐ Rich, dark green satin paint for the end wall
- ☐ Flat-weave runner featuring horizontal stripes

● Check Before You Start

- Measure your exposed floor to ensure a runner leaves a comfortable border.
- Check upper cabinets for a front lip to hide your lighting.
- Vacuum toe kick recesses thoroughly to remove hidden dust and pet hair.
- Scrub the toe kick boards and tile with a strong degreaser first.
- Check the trim packaging to find the right adhesive for your doors.

● Project Notes

Enjoy your bright, newly widened kitchen space!