

# What is Your Kitchen Missing?

## Range Hoods Set a New Standard for Custom Kitchens

Range hoods are an essential piece in completing any well-designed custom kitchen. Hours are spent choosing cabinetry, flooring, countertops, and appliances, so overlooking one of the most essential tools in a kitchen would fail to fulfill the quality and distinction affluent homeowners wish to achieve.

An important part of range hoods is the quality of their mechanical components. Traditional range hoods typically installed by a builder are mass-produced, sacrificing excellence and performance for economics. When time and consideration are spent choosing only the best materials available, a range hood can accomplish more than homeowners may expect.

Imagine a range hood that operates well enough to help keep a kitchen clean. With the proper size duct work, powerful fans, and effective filters, high quality range hoods can actually reduce time spent wiping up grease and dust as well as eliminate the need for annual repainting. With a powerful airflow, range hoods also help eliminate odors. Shortly after cooking even the most aromatic foods, like onions and garlic, a kitchen will smell fresh and clean as if it hasn't been

used. And don't worry about the noise pollution caused by the fans in typical range hoods. The high quality fans installed in custom range hoods significantly reduce noise to a low purr similar to that of a refrigerator.

One of the final components that round out the perfect range hood is lighting. High-



quality halogen bulbs produce the brightest light. The light must also be strategically fixed to fully illuminate the cooking surface, rather than shining in the cook's face.

Installation is also paramount to a properly functioning range hood. Often range hoods are installed too high above the stove or aren't wide enough to cover the cooking area. A range hood should be installed approximately thirty inches above the stove, and should cover an area three inches on either side of the cooking surface.

Of course, most homeowners want range hoods that are unique to the décor of their personalized kitchens. Companies that manufacture custom range hoods are accustomed to building one-of-a-kind products

and have nearly limitless options available.

Popular choices among homeowners are copper, brass, and stainless steel. Custom variations of these metals can be combined to complement any kitchen design. Mirrored and antique finishes are also available to enhance charm.

Finishes can be produced to accommodate more modern kitchens with colored cabinets, countertops, and appliances. Popular colors are black and white, but any color can be created to complement any kitchen.

For an even more eloquent touch, there are rounded corners with joints that can be seamed with Old World solid rivets or seamless. Buttons, bands, and other decorations such as pot racks are also available to heighten individuality.

To contact a company that has raised the bar in range hood manufacturing and design over the past 30 years, you can contact Range Craft at 877-RCHOODS or visit their website at [www.rangecraft.com](http://www.rangecraft.com). RANGECRAFT has a choice of hundreds of designs in wall or ceiling mounted range hoods that can be custom designed for any home. ❖

