What to Check in the Kitchen During a Viewing

Kitchen repairs cost the most and show the least in photos. These 12 checks take about five minutes.

1. **Run the faucet** ☐
   Check pressure and how fast hot water arrives.
2. **Look under the sink** ☐
   Water stains, soft wood or a damp smell mean a leak.
3. **Open every cabinet and drawer** ☐
   Check that they close and that the hinges are solid.
4. **Open the fridge and freezer** ☐
   Is it cold, clean and is the door seal intact?
5. **Turn on every burner and the oven** ☐
   Check that they light and heat evenly.
6. **Switch on the range hood or fan** ☐
   Does it work and vent outside?
7. **Ask about the dishwasher** ☐
   Is there one, does it run and who repairs it?
8. **Check outlets near the counter** ☐
   You'll need enough for a kettle, toaster and blender.
9. **Test the garbage disposal** ☐
   If there is one, listen for strange noises.
10. **Look for signs of pests** ☐
    Droppings behind the stove, in drawers and in corners.
11. **Look at the counter space** ☐
    Is there room to prep food and set down groceries?
12. **Check storage** ☐
    Is there a pantry or enough cabinets for what you own?