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Cabinet Selection Guide



There are numerous cabinet styles, accessories, and finishes to consider when remodeling your kitchen or bath. Your choice of features will set the style for your new kitchen or bath and ultimately determine your budget.

FINISHES

Your choice of cabinet color and material may be the most influential decision you make in the design process. We suggest selecting your color first, to help narrow your field of options. Certain colors may only be available from particular manufacturers and others may require specific materials or treatments.

STAINED FINISHES

Affordable Kitchens and Baths offers several varieties of stained wood cabinets to accommodate a wide array of personal design styles. Each species of wood displays natural character and absorbs stain differently. Grain types will determine whether an individual species is suited for the color of your selection. Below are a number of options you will have to select from:



OAK: A very distinctive option for cabinet construction due to its grain. It is a durable, high-density hardwood suitable for any color stain. In fact, oak is preferred by cabinet makers because its grain is visible and appealing, even with darker stains.



CHERRY: Cherry cabinets are preferred for their versatility. Their natural, warm reddish hues are considered a good match for a broad range of styles and colors. With a consistent grain and robust strength, cherry wood is naturally durable, and gets richer with age.



MAPLE: Cabinet makers often use maple because of its tight grain and reliable durability. Maple's smooth, consistent texture lends to its ability to absorb stain evenly. Maple cabinets are often stained to mimic more expensive hardwoods because their color is so easily manipulated.



ALDER: A common substitute for cherry, alder's tight, consistent grain is easily stained amber or natural blonde. Unlike cherry though, alder does not get darker with age.



PECAN/HICKORY: Pecan and hickory hardwoods are sought after for their distinctive grains. With knotty blends of heartwood and sapwood, these species are some of the most attractive and durable American hardwoods.

SOLID FINISHES

Affordable Kitchens and Baths can order painted, thermafoil, melamine and veneer cabinets in many colors and patterns.



PAINTED: Painted cabinets are a versatile option for customers looking for custom finishes with high-quality hardwood. With paint, cabinets can be altered to match just about any desired look. Paint can be distressed to appear aged, glazed, or brushed to achieve your ideal aesthetic.



MELAMINE & VENEERS: Melamine or veneered cabinets are a more high-end option and offer a sleek and modern look. Melamine & veneered cabinets are very durable and come in a wide and intriguing variety of finishes.



THERMAFOIL: Thermafoil cabinets are a popular option due to their reasonable cost and durability. Thermafoil doors are often constructed from inexpensive MDF fiberboard heat-wrapped with a poly shell. This construction makes them all-at-once resistant to moisture and wear while reducing costs. Thermafoil cabinets are also ideal for high gloss color making them modern, attractive and easy to clean.

STYLES

Many homeowners shop for cabinets that will match the style of their existing architecture. When discussing cabinet “styles” however, it is important to note that designers consider “trim styles” and “door styles” as two different conversations.

Trim or kitchen styles are predominantly discussed as areas of architectural influence. For instance, a “French Country” style kitchen is built using ornate, carved mouldings and natural wood tones while a “Contemporary” style is constructed with uninterrupted smooth surfaces and minimal decoration.

Door styles refer to the construction of the cabinet doors. These styles indicate overlays, inlays, shapes and cabinet coverage. Your choice of door style will often be influenced by the style of trim you select. For this reason, we recommend that you identify a trim style before you select the door style.

TRIM STYLES

Cabinet trim styles can be described in many different ways. A style can identify with a country of origin or a time period. Below are some common references to cabinet style.



TRADITIONAL: Traditional design often uses a soft, neutral color palate. More traditional styles will often feature square raised-panel doors, large, stacked crown moulding, cherry wood, and warm, neutral finishes.



VINTAGE: A popular theme in design, vintage-inspired cabinetry can be achieved with inset doors, white paint, open shelving and glass door fronts to achieve a furniture look.



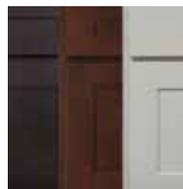
COUNTRY: Country style cabinetry features arched panel doors and woods that have a strong grain, such as oak or hickory.



RUSTIC: Rustic style cabinetry can be achieved with knotty alder or rustic birch in any door style. The finish will be heavily weathered with any finish, paint or wood of your choosing.



CONTEMPORARY: A contemporary space is streamlined with minimal excess. Contemporary designs often include melamine slab doors with high gloss finishes, clean lines, hidden hardware, and a sleek, uncluttered look.



MODERN: Often confused with contemporary design by definition, the “modern” style refers to a specific design movement that arose in the mid-20th century. Think “Mid-Century Modern” or Mad Men. Modern cabinetry features simple slab doors with wood veneers, creative hardware and glossy metals juxtaposed with wood for an organic contrast.



ECLECTIC: Eclectic spaces artfully blend a variety of styles to create unexpected combinations and juxtapositions. Eclectic cabinetry will utilize multiple finishes in the same space, such as a combination of wood and painted cabinets. A variety of door styles and wood species could be utilized when trying to achieve an eclectic look.

DOOR STYLES

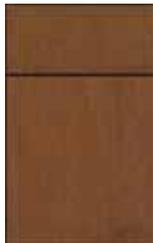
Cabinet doors come in many styles and constructions. Below are some of the more common terms used by kitchen and bath designers to describe a door's construction:



STANDARD OVERLAY: Standard overlay doors reveal up to 1½" of the cabinet face behind them.



FLAT PANEL: Flat panel doors are constructed of multiple pieces, layered to create a recessed center panel.



FRAMELESS: Frameless or full-access doors cover the entire cabinet face, and open flush with other doors, to create a contemporary look that maximizes open storage space.



SLAB: A slab door is constructed of a single piece of slab or wood.



FULL OVERLAY: Full overlay doors reveal at most 1/4" of cabinet face for a cleaner, more finished look.



RAISED PANEL: Raised panel doors are constructed of multiple pieces, layered to create a raised center panel.



INSET: Inset doors lay within the cabinet frame, creating a thinner profile door appearance.



GLASS INLAY: Glass inlay doors are constructed of a wood frame with glass inserts.



MODIFIED OVERLAY: A modified overlay door features a full overlay width with a standard overlay height to allow for crown molding and trim.

FEATURES

As you shop for cabinets, you'll find that there are a multitude of custom options available to transform your space. Lazy susans, trash pullouts, spice racks, and wine racks are the more familiar examples of this class of custom cabinet designed to make our rooms and lives more efficient and specialized. The special features listed below are some of the more popular options you should consider to make your custom space more useful.

THE LAZY SUSAN

While its name does not convey much confidence, this innovative accessory works hard to maximize your kitchen storage when your tools are just out of reach. You should consider one of the options below for your corner cabinets and cluttered pantries:



D-SHAPED: The D-Shaped Lazy Susan is flat on one side which allows for a door to close against it. The "D" shape maximizes usable space in diagonal wall and base cabinets. This type of shelf can be used in standard pantry and 45-degree cross corner cabinets. Available in a variety of materials including wood, metal and plastic.



FULL ROUND: The Full-Round Lazy Susan is the most versatile version of this accessory. The full-round can be used in just about every cross corner or standard pantry cabinet. While it does not offer the space efficiency that others may have, it can be installed by even the most novice do-it-yourselfers.



HALF ROUND: Designed exclusively for use in blind corner cabinets, the half-round or half-moon lazy susan will help you access hard to reach items stored up to 42" deep in the corner. Half-round lazy susans come in a variety of materials and sizes to fit most cabinet styles.



PIE-CUT: The pie-cut lazy susan is installed exclusively in L-shaped corner cabinets. This variety features a door that is attached to the shelving and swivels back into the cabinet when it is opened. Corner cabinets with a pie-cut lazy susan are sometimes called "easy reach cabinets."



KIDNEY: Used exclusively in L-shaped corner cabinets, lazy susans of the kidney variety are notched on one side to allow for a center-hinged L-door to close. The lazy susan spins independently while the doors swing wide open allowing for maximum cabinet access and storage space.

ORGANIZERS



BUILT-IN TRASH/RECYCLING: Waste cans and recycling centers can be hidden in base cabinets of just about any width. Your cabinet designer can provide a range trash storage options from attaching a small basket to the back of a cabinet door to a full four can pull out system.



BASE CABINET PULL-OUTS: Pull out systems are available for just about any special application. In addition to the more common spice racks, heavy-duty systems are available to house small appliances, cookware and recycling centers. These systems are built to extend the full contents of your cabinet into the workspace, giving you ease of access so you don't have to shuffle through your entire kitchen inventory to find one item.



WINE RACKS: Cabinet-mounted wine racks offer convenient storage for your favorite table wines. Traditionally available in a diagonal lattice pattern or conventional cross-grid, wine racks can be built to fit any size cabinet or storage space.



CHINA DISPLAY RACKS: A China display can be both practical and decorative, providing easy access to your dinnerware. Traditionally available as slatted wood inserts, they can be painted or stained to match any cabinet style.



SINK FRONT TIP TRAY: A tip tray is the perfect way to take advantage of the lost space between your cabinet and your sink. These cabinet-faced organizers are perfect storage for sponges and scrubs. The easy access keeps your countertop clean and accessories close at hand.



STEMWARE RACKS: Stemware racks provide safe, convenient storage for delicate glassware. Available in aluminum, chromed steel and wood varieties. Stemware racks can be custom-finished to match virtually any cabinet style.



SPICE RACKS: The spice-savvy chef needs to have easy access to their full stock without shuffling through deep cabinets. Spice cabinets commonly feature door-mounted, slide-out, and tiered shelf racks. Tiered drawer inserts have also become popular for easy spice storage at waist level.