

7 Choices You Will Make To Have The Perfect Cabinets For You



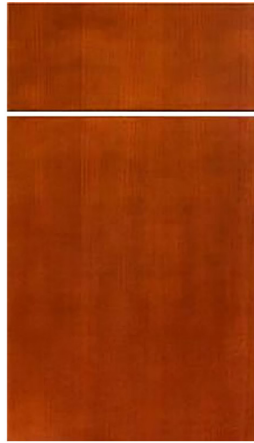
1 Cabinet Door Style



Raised Panel
Traditional



Shaker
Transitional

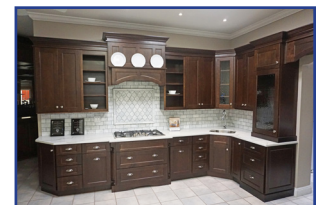
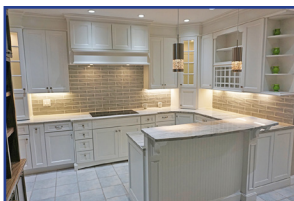


Slab
Modern

The style of the cabinet doors is one of the most visible choices you'll make for the entire kitchen.

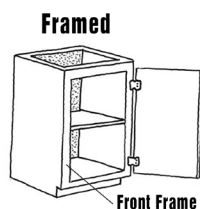
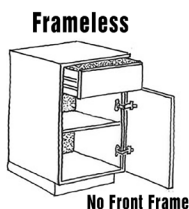
Examples of three common door styles are shown to the left. Once you make a general door style decision (i.e. Raised Panel Traditional) you can focus on the variations available for that style (color, material used, decorative elements, etc..)

2 Kitchen and Cabinet Color



Choosing the overall kitchen color scheme and the cabinet color(s) is an important decision that often starts the ball rolling on the entire project. Once you know the color(s), you can start to make very specific decisions.

3 Framed Cabinet or Frameless Cabinet



Frameless cabinets originated in Europe and have long been popular in America for the primary reason that they provide more storage space, and have no lip that interior contents have to be lifted over on their way out of the cabinet.

Some contractors prefer the added strength that a front frame adds to the cabinet and therefore choose framed cabinets.

4 Base Cabinet - Drawer Front Options



Slab

Designer Slab

Matching

Cabinet door choices came earlier, now you will choose the cabinet Drawer Front style you prefer. Three basic options are shown here. Slab drawer fronts have no decoration, Designer Slabs will add a slight amount of decoration, Matching will closely match your lower door fronts and can be the most decorative. Slab drawer fronts tend to be the least expensive.

5 Cabinet Drawer Box Construction Options

You have two drawer box construction options. Wood or metal. Wood is by far the most common. Metal is more stain resistant, and generally considered more durable. Strong dovetail joints are often used in wood drawer box construction.



Wooden Drawer Box



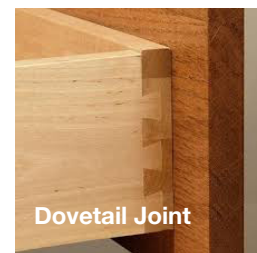
Metal Drawer Box With
Wooden Drawer Front

Wood

- Dovetail joint construction - creates the strongest box
- Dowel joint construction - another option.

Metal

The four sides to the box are metal, the floor is metal, wood, particle board or melamine.



6 Drawer Slides



The overwhelming majority of today's drawer slides are soft close. You push the drawer front lightly and the slide takes over from there - gently closing the drawer tightly on its own.

7 Handles



Finally you will have to select the handles that open and close doors and drawers. There are a lot of choices and few have distinct advantages. In the end it is a matter of what is appropriate for the style of your kitchen and your personal preference.