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HOMEOWNER GUIDE
METRO VANCOUVER, BC

Cabinet Care Guide

Your cabinets have a fresh, hard-wearing finish. A few easy habits keep them looking brand new for years. Here is how to treat them in the first weeks and every day after.

1 The first few weeks: let the finish cure

Your cabinets are dry to the touch when we leave, but the finish keeps hardening for a while after that.

Go easy at first

- **Open and close gently.** Use the handles and avoid slamming doors and drawers.
- **Hold off on deep cleaning.** A soft, dry cloth is all you need for now.
- **Skip stick-on hooks and tape** on the doors and frames.
- **Keep heavy items** from rubbing against door edges.

Around the kitchen

- **Wipe spills right away**, mostly around the sink and dishwasher.
- **Let steam escape.** Open the dishwasher after it cools, not mid-cycle against a door.
- **Use your range fan** when cooking to keep grease off nearby cabinets.
- **Bumpers help.** Small felt pads on doors soften the close.

2 Everyday cleaning, the right way

- **Soft cloth, warm water** and a drop of mild dish soap.
- **Wring it out well.** Damp, not wet. Water is the enemy of any finish.
- **Dry right after** with a clean, soft towel.
- **Wipe with the grain** on wood or wood-look doors.
- **Spot-clean handles** often. Hands leave oils behind.
- **Test new cleaners** on a hidden spot first.

Avoid these

HARSH CLEANERS
Skip bleach, ammonia, degreasers and anything abrasive. They dull and soften the finish.

SCRUBBY SPONGES
No scouring pads or magic erasers. They act like fine sandpaper.

WET TOWELS ON DOORS
Hanging damp dish towels over a door keeps moisture on the finish for hours.

3 Little chips and scuffs

Touch-ups

- Ask us for your leftover paint. We can label it for future touch-ups.
- Clean the spot, let it dry, then dab a tiny amount with a fine artist brush.
- Thin coats are best. Let each one dry before adding more.

When to call us

- Peeling, bubbling or a finish that stays soft after the first weeks.
- Water damage around the sink or dishwasher.
- Any worry at all. We would rather take a look early.

4 A quick care calendar

HOW OFTEN	WHAT TO DO
Every day	Wipe spills and splashes as they happen, then dry.
Every week	Soft damp cloth over doors, handles and the area around the stove and sink.
Every month	Check hinges and pulls. A loose screw is easy to snug up before it wears the door.
Every year	Look over edges and corners for wear and do any small touch-ups.

Your warranty

Every Oriah cabinet project comes with our included 2-year workmanship warranty. If something does not look right, call us at 604-337-2306 and we will come take a look.

Thinking about the rest of the room?

We also paint walls, ceilings and trim with our own in-house crews. Want help with colours? We can connect you with an interior designer we partner with. Your first consultation is on us. Any design work after that is billed by the designer.

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