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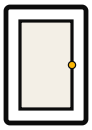
# Door Style and Finish Guide

New cabinet doors change the whole feel of a kitchen. Use this guide to find the style you love, then pick a finish for your new fronts and your existing boxes so everything matches.

## 1 Popular door styles

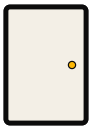
Not every style suits every kitchen. Bring this page to your visit and we will talk through what is available for your project.



### Shaker

A flat centre panel with a simple square frame. Clean and timeless.

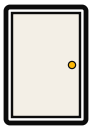
**Great for:** Most kitchens, old or new



### Slab (flat)

One smooth, flat panel with no frame. Sleek and modern.

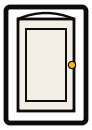
**Great for:** Modern and minimal kitchens



### Slim shaker

A shaker with a narrow frame. Modern, with a little detail.

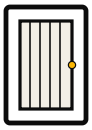
**Great for:** Updating a dated kitchen



### Raised panel

A centre panel that rises from the frame. Traditional and detailed.

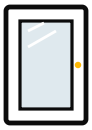
**Great for:** Classic and character homes



### Beadboard

Thin vertical grooves inside the frame. Cozy and cottage-style.

**Great for:** Farmhouse looks, islands



### Glass insert

A frame with glass in the centre. Shows off dishes and adds light.

**Great for:** Upper cabinets, display spots

## Three tips for picking a style

**LOOK AT THE HOUSE**
Simple styles suit almost any home. Detailed ones shine in classic and character homes.

**THINK ABOUT CLEANING**
Flat and shaker doors are the easiest to wipe down. Grooves and profiles catch more dust.

**MATCH THE DRAWERS**
Drawer fronts usually follow the doors, or go flat for a cleaner line.

## 2 Choosing a finish

| FINISH | LOOK | GOOD TO KNOW |
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| **Painted, satin** | Soft sheen | The most popular cabinet finish. Easy to wipe and hides small marks. |
| **Painted, semi-gloss** | More shine | Crisp and very washable. Shows dents and dings a bit more. |
| **Painted, matte** | Low shine | Soft and modern. Ask about durability for busy kitchens. |
| **Stained** | Wood grain | Keeps the look of wood. Your boxes can be stained to match. |
| **Clear coat** | Natural | Protects the wood while letting its true colour show. |

## 3 Making everything match

### Your existing boxes

- Your boxes and frames stay in place.
- We clean, sand and prime them, then paint or stain them to match your new fronts.
- If a box is water damaged or swollen, we tell you at your visit.

### Colour tips

- Look at samples in your kitchen light, morning and night.
- Pick cabinet colours after counters and floors are set.
- Two-tone works well: a deeper island with lighter perimeter cabinets.

### Want a second opinion?

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