

# Helpful advice for installing kitchens

It's easier to install a kitchen than you might think. Non-professionals do it every day, with professional results. If you're wondering if you can be among them, here's a way to find out. Write for a booklet titled "How To Install Your Own Kitchen" available for 75 cents (the price includes postage) from Yorktowne Cabinets, Dept. M, Red Lion, PA 17356.

If you're handy enough to accept the booklet's initial words of advice—be patient!—and to follow its step-by-step instructions, you're probably capable of picking up chalkline, carpenter's level and C-clamps, and proceeding to install cabinets.

All the information is here, in 16 pages of commentary and line drawings, including an illustrated list of the tools you will or may need.

First, the booklet tells you must plan your layout and identify cabinets—wall cabinets that are 12 inches deep and base cabinets that are 34 1/2 inches high by 24 inches deep.

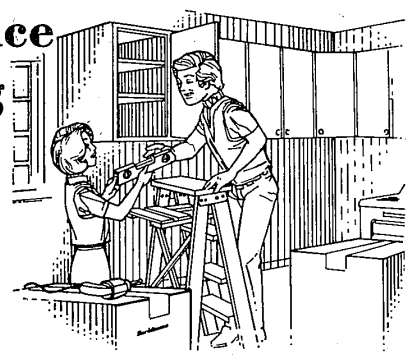
Before you can install new cabinets, of course, you have to remove old ones—and the range, refrigerator and any other major appliances that will be in the way. (It's suggested that water systems be removed and, if necessary, relocated by a plumber; also that a professional make electrical connections.)

"How To Install Your Own Kitchen" tells how to measure and mark walls to receive cabinets, how to find the high points and compensate for the low points of floor and walls, how to find the wall studs.

Then it tells you—having accomplished the preparatory steps—how to install your cabinets. It tells you to start with corner wall units and work away from them, checking that each square and level before you attach them to one another.

It tells you how to install a blank corner or revolving corner unit as the point of departure for other base cabinets, and how to align and attach the base cabinets to each other in the same manner as the wall cabinets.

Other topics covered in this "how to" manual from one of the country's leading producers of kitchen/bath cabinetry include countertop installation, sealt treatments, how to use shims and fillers, and how to realign any door or drawer fronts that for some reason are not parallel once cabinetry is installed.



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Redesigning an inefficient layout using the "kitchen triangle" principle in which each major appliance is conveniently located at equidistant points of a triangle can eliminate unnecessary steps between work areas.

In kitchens too small to seat the whole family, install a built-in snacking counter to make serving and clean-up easier on the homemaker.

To keep kitchen maintenance to a minimum, shop for washable wallpaper, flooring that won't show dirt easily and stain resistant cabinets. Cabinets certified by the National Kitchen Cabinet Association are tested to assure years of service under tough kitchen conditions.

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