

## Dishwashers

**Built-in dishwashers** are always preferable to portables because they're more convenient and quieter. Place built-in dishwashers no farther than 6 ft. from a sink, on the side of the sink that corresponds to your dominant hand. For easy unloading, plan cabinet storage for your everyday dishes and silverware nearby. Dishwashers that fit under counters usually run 24 in. wide and 35 in. high. For tiny kitchens, consider an 18-in.-wide model.

Many dishwashers have reversible front panels so you can change colors. Or, consider ordering front panels from your cabinet manufacturer.

**Portable Dishwashers:** If you don't have the space to install a built-in model, there's always a trusty portable. It sits in a corner or closet until you roll it out and hook it up to the kitchen sink. Choose one with a hookup that lets you use the faucet while the dishwasher runs.

If you already own a front-loading portable and wonder whether you can build it into your new kitchen design, it's possible, but not easy. Conversion kits are expensive and the work is time-consuming.