

Kitchen Wall Cabinets

Wall cabinets store your frequently used kitchen items at eye level or within arm's reach. Standard models have single or double doors and interior shelving. Mount them 15 to 18 in. above the countertop.

Stock wall cabinets are usually 30 in. tall by 12 in. deep. Widths range from 12 to 60 in. and typically vary by 3-in. increments. You can increase total storage space by using 42-in.-tall cabinets that reach an 8-ft. ceiling. If your existing kitchen has a soffit above the existing wall cabinets, you may be able to remove it to accommodate the taller cabinets. However, most people need a step stool to reach a shelf higher than 72 in. from the floor.

Install short 12- or 15-in. cabinets over ranges, sinks and refrigerators.

Double-sided cabinets allow access from either side. They are ideal over islands or peninsulas. Hang them above a counter between the kitchen and dining room to create a double-sided display wall. Place them 25 in. above the countertop or 27 to 30 in. above a cooktop.