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The Kitchen Cabinet Renovation Process

Typically, the cabinet painting process takes about a week; you will not have access to your kitchen during this time.

1. **PREP** - Your appliances, countertops, floors and walls will be covered in protective paper, drop cloths and plastic. There is a slight change that wall paint can peel when the plastic and tape is removed – should this occur, we will touch up the affected surfaces. Please make touch up paint available to our team, should they need to make a minor touch up.
2. **SANDING** - We clean up doors, drawers and cabinet frame with a degreaser and lightly sand using two different sandpaper grits, in preparation for a smooth finish and for proper paint adhesion. A festool HEPA certified vacuum is connected to the sanders at all times to prevent dust dispersion. We recommend that you **DO NOT OPEN WINDOWS AND TURN OFF HEAT OR A/C DURING THE SANDING PROCESS**, as this will re-circulate the dust and minimize the effectiveness of our vacuums.
3. **PRIMER** - We apply a stain blocking bonding primer tinted 70% to the final color by high volume commercial sprayer.
4. **PAINT** – We apply coats of fine finish paint in the color of your choice. We use professional cabinet paint - these products cannot be found at your local hardware store; they are made specifically for cabinets. These products are low VOC which means they are healthier for you and the environment, combined with our industrial filtered air extraction units we bring onsite to remove dust in the air, your project will have less odor and dust than a standard interior painting project. This finish will resemble a factory applied finish and is durable, cures fast and wears well.
5. **LABOR** - Labor makes up the majority of a cabinet painting project's cost. The time required to transform a kitchen can range from 50-180+ hours. You cannot cut corners in the cabinet painting process and deliver the quality in appearance and durability.
6. **SKILL** - In addition to the time required to perform our painting and re-finishing process, we also know it takes unparalleled skill- people who are experts in the application of high-end fine finishes. When your cabinets are completed, you will know that you have partnered with highly skilled craftsmen and women who are passionate about what they are doing. We spray all of your cabinet surfaces to get the factory finish that isn't achievable with a brush and roller.

PAINT SHEEN - Unless otherwise requested, we apply a satin sheen; this is most popular and most commonly used.

COLOR TRENDS - White is, by far, the most popular kitchen cabinet color; the most popular white colors include: Simply White, White Dove, Chantilly Lace, Pure White, Decorator's White and Snowbound. Cool, gray-blues and warm grays are the new neutrals. Gray, greenish blues are gaining popularity.

Torn between a couple of different colors? We can order your preferred color selections in Samplize® peel-and-stick, oversized paint samples to "try on" colors before making your final selection. Samplize.com

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LIGHTING

The type and amount of light in your kitchen has a SIGNIFICANT impact on how your paint color will look. Paint color WILL APPEAR TO CHANGE depending on the time of day, season, natural or artificial light sources, and the direction of the light.

In the morning, sunlight is warmer because it's lower on the horizon, and gives a yellowish cast to a space. As the day progresses to midday, sunlight develops a cool, bluish cast. Remember you're not really seeing the paint color that's on the cabinets, you're seeing the color of the light that's reflected off the cabinets.

Wood

The beauty of wood cabinetry comes from the natural qualities of wood itself, with variations of grain. The textures of those natural grain patterns often remain visible with paint finishes and should be accepted as natural characteristics when selecting painted cabinetry. Wood is a product of nature, therefore slight variations in color, grain and texture are to be expected.

Wooden doors can expand and contract with changes in temperature and humidity. We recommend pairing MDF center panels with maple frames for new door and drawer fronts to avoid movement at door joints or angles, which can result in hairline cracks or "witness lines". This cracking occurs when the door panel shrinks and breaks the paint layer – these are not defects but are a normal part of the wood adjusting to temperature & humidity changes.

To ensure that your painted cabinets dry correctly, evenly and are fully cured, the temperature and humidity inside your home must be regulated. The temperature should be maintained at 68°F and no more that 70°F in summer.

Deeply grained wood (oak)

Oak cabinets have the special distinction of having a very prominent wood grain. Most wood cabinets (maple, pine, cherry) don't have this issue. With deeply grained oak, the pattern may still be seen (although subtle) after painting.

Refacing

We replace existing door and drawer fronts with new wooden ones, insert new, state-of-the-art, Blum soft close hinges on all cabinet doors, and paint all cabinet frames, side panels, doors, and drawer fronts. Our estimates are based on new maple frame shaker doors, and we source from local mills in Connecticut and North Carolina. Decorative doors with applied molding, glass panels, etc. will be priced specifically based upon your selected door profile and style.

Change Orders

Our scope of work is specified and written into our invoice and contract. If it is not listed in writing, it is not included in the project.

Sometimes, there are unforeseen conditions on a project that could not be planned for at the time of the initial scope of work; should this occur, we will communicate any modifications to you (additions, omissions or substitutions and charges) in writing (via email or text) for your approval, prior to commencing the work.