



cabinetry & woodwork

making the right choices

Building or remodel projects can be quite intimidating with all the choices and decisions that need to be made—sometimes quickly or within a short time frame to keep everything on schedule.

I will attempt to give you the information you need to make the process of choosing the right cabinetry and woodwork for your project a little easier.

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When we first consider a new woodwork or cabinetry project the cost tends to be discouraging but we need to look at this in a different manner. This is not an unrecovered cost; this is an investment that will increase the value and saleability of your home. Depending on the scope of the project and the age of the home this can be significant.

In some instances this alone can be incentive enough to do that project you have been dreaming of for so long, not to mention the added beauty, function-

ality, and efficiency that you can get from your redesigned space or area.

There are three main types of cabinetry that you will generally find. The first would be stock cabinetry. This is cabinetry that is pre-manufactured and then sold. You will usually find this type in large home improvement stores and some kitchen and bath showrooms. This will be the lowest cost, but will also have the shortest life span.

The second is called semi-custom. This is cabinetry that will generally need to be ordered, but is manufactured with standard size cabinets using custom fillers and components to make it fit to your space. These will usually be mid

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range to considerably high end in price range with a fairly wide spread in quality. You will usually find these available in kitchen and bath showrooms, from some designers, and occasionally direct from the manufacturer.

The third option is fully custom. This cabinetry and millwork is built completely to your specifications to allow for a better fit and space usage. These manufacturers are usually the best option for non-standard spaces such as libraries, offices and other such areas. You will usually find this type direct

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from the manufacturer or from high-end designers. The price range can be quite wide but will tend to be in the mid to high range. These will tend to vary considerably in quality, but would tend toward high end.

Style terminology varies somewhat from one manufacturer to another, but there are some standards that are used that I will try to explain. Overlay versus inset: overlay cabinets are done in such a way that the door overlays the face of the cabinet, creating an extra depth and profile. Full overlay means that the door overlays the cabinets face entirely with only 1/8 inch of clearance between doors. This leaves you with a cleaner more contemporary look. Inset is done so that the door is inset into an opening flush with the face of the cabinet. This creates a uniform reveal between the door and opening—leaving you with a look that is similar to full overlay, but with a more detailed traditional feel. This is usually considered one of the higher quality methods.

Finish options have increased considerably in recent years. Conversion varnish is a highly durable, very good product that is used primarily in kitchens and high-end built-ins. This you will find used by mid- to high-end manufacturers. Lacquers are a product used for millwork, some furniture, and low-range cabinetry. This tends to be a more economical product while sacrificing some durability. RTF or Ridgid Thermafoil is a film that is applied over MDF for a cheap but fairly durable cabinet. If moisture manages to penetrate the film, this will fail fairly rapidly. Glazes and shaders are additional products that are used to create depth effect and shadows to give you more visually appealing products.

Materials that are considered green products are increasingly available to the industry. They include FSC certified hardwoods, formaldehyde-free plywood, LED lighting, and water-based finishes just to name a few. Don't forget to ask about these and other options when making decisions on a project.

Hopefully this information will make at least one phase of your project more pleasurable. Good Luck!

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