

IKEA Hack

SO WATT

Made to order plywood doors,
drawers and accessories for
your IKEA Metod kitchen



Why IKEA Hack Your Kitchen?

By starting with IKEA Metod kitchen cabinets and hardware as a base, you can save money and benefit from their modular and interchangeable design. This gives you the perfect building blocks to get creative with So Watt's range of materials, finishes and custom additions.

Owning The Process

Because you're involved in all the planning, designing, assembly and install of an IKEA hack project it keeps the price low, allowing you to fully reflect your personal style and preferences while staying within your budget. If you're unsure about the potential planning and installing of a kitchen from start to finish, it can be a good idea to consult a third party to help in the measure and installation phases of the process.

How Your Kitchen Can Evolve

Another benefit of IKEA hack kitchens is their modular and systematic design, making it easy to adapt your kitchen to your changing needs over time. Whether you need to add, remove, or replace individual components, the IKEA Metod system offers a high level of customization and flexibility. If you decide to switch up your kitchen's style, all you need to do is choose a new colour and finish scheme and simply screw on your new doors, drawer fronts, and cover panels. This allows you to easily transform your kitchen to match your evolving tastes, without the need for a complete renovation.



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IKEA HACK PROCESS

How to create your perfect kitchen

1. 

MEASURE YOUR SPACE

Before designing your kitchen, accurate measurements of the space are crucial. Window placement and ceiling height can affect the outcome. This step is vital for a successful design process.

2. 

DESIGN YOUR KITCHEN

Use the online IKEA Kitchen Planner to brainstorm the layout of your Metod kitchen, with any standard IKEA doors, drawer fronts and cover panels included as placeholders initially.

3. 

CUSTOMISE WITH SO WATT

Decide whether you are using our fill strips, and consider your handle style and placement across all doors and drawer fronts. These decisions may affect the dimensions of the finished install.

4. 

ORDER WITH IKEA

Now remove your placeholder standard IKEA door parts and check out with IKEA for the Metod cabinets, Utrusta hinges, Maximera drawers and any other IKEA components only. Keep a copy of your original order for door size reference.

5. 

ORDER WITH SO WATT

Head to the So Watt website and use your earlier list of parts to help you purchase all the corresponding doors, drawer fronts, cover panels, kicks and fill strips from So Watt to suit the design you made with the IKEA Kitchen Planner.

1. Measuring Your Space



What Are The Basics Of Measuring For Joinery?

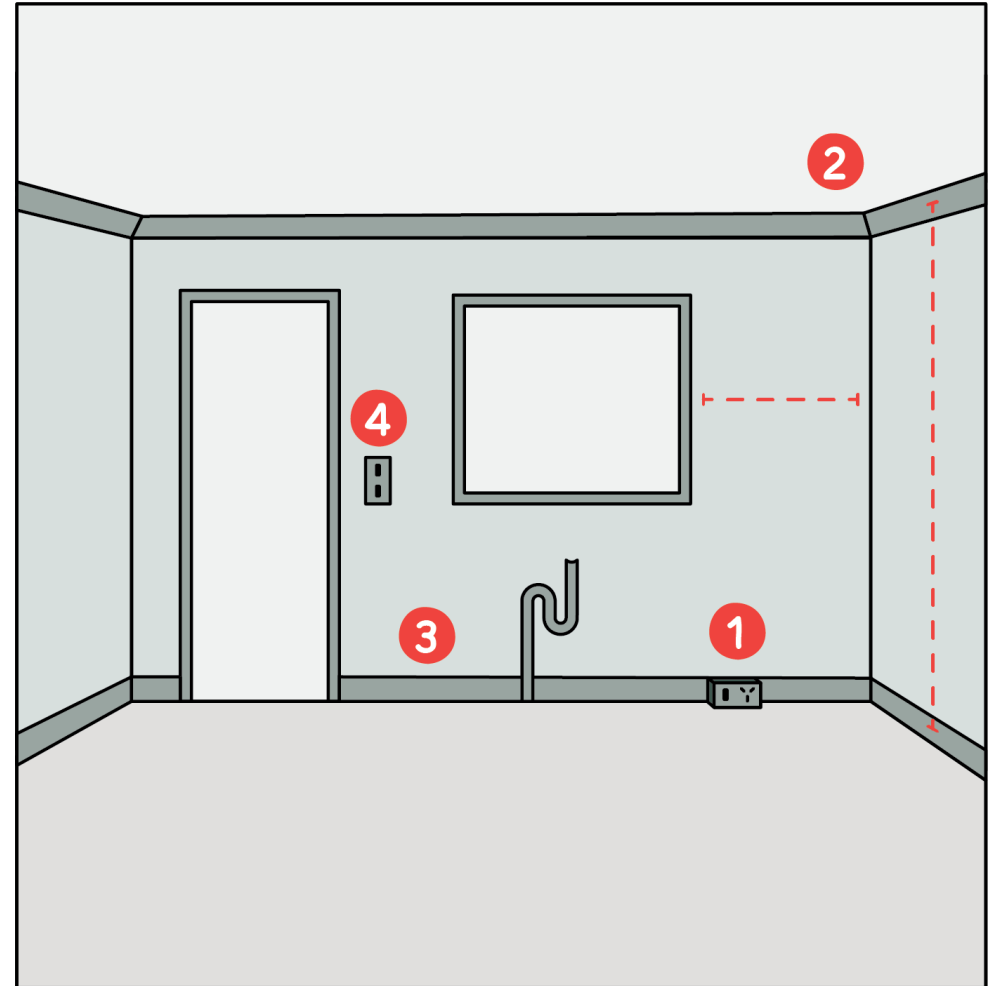
When measuring your space for built-in joinery, it's important to keep in mind some basics to ensure an accurate quote. First and foremost, measure the width and length of your room at multiple points, as rooms can often be out of square and floor levels can be sloped. Make sure to use the minimum width, length, and height measurements you've taken so your kitchen will fit in the space.

Extra Things To Look Out For When Measuring Your Space

When getting more detailed measurements, it's essential to look out for obstructions that could affect the installation or daily use of your joinery. Be sure to consider any skirting board sizes, door and window locations, plumbing, light switch positioning, and other furniture or appliances that you will need to work around.

What to do With Your Ceiling

An important consideration is your ceiling. Architraves and cornices can have a significant impact on the sizing and function of your joinery. Cupboard doors need to be clear of any cornices around your ceiling to prevent them from hitting them when opened. Drawers that open near your wall should also be set off from the edge to avoid hitting the architrave around a nearby doorway. It is important that you pay close attention to these details to ensure a clean and considered installation. We recommend using shadow lines with fill strips set back to prevent dust from collecting in nooks.



2. Designing IKEA to be Hacked



2.1 Design With IKEA

Once the kitchen space is measured and the layout of the space is created, simply:

1. Choose the cabinets, countertops, and appliances you want to include in your design and simply drag and drop them onto your layout to see how they fit.
2. Once you are happy with the kitchen, simply export the shopping list, making sure to include standard IKEA doors, drawers, cover panels & kicks by.
3. Clicking on the "Print" button located in the top right corner of the kitchen planner screen. In the print preview window, select the "Shopping List" option and Click on the "Create PDF" button to generate a PDF file.

Note

Make sure to keep this list so you know what door, drawer front and cover panel sizes you will need to purchase from So Watt.

2.2 Prepare Your Design For So Watt

Once you've successfully exported your IKEA kitchen shopping list that includes doors, drawer fronts, and cover panels, it's time to move on to the next step.

1. Use the item sizes and specifications provided in your IKEA shopping list to create an order with So Watt, featuring your desired materials and finish.
2. Remember to take into account the handle and hinge locations of each door and drawer front during checkout. This will ensure that your new items fit and function correctly with your existing kitchen components.
3. Don't forget to consider extra cover panels to hide the underside of any wall hung cabinets.

Note

Our team at So Watt is always available to answer any questions you may have and guide you through the ordering process under our Personal Shopper service.

2.3 Prepare Your Order For IKEA

Now that you have created your order with So Watt, the standard placeholder IKEA doors, drawer fronts, and cover panels will need to be removed from you IKEA order to ensure that you don't purchase unnecessary items.

To do this:

1. Open your IKEA kitchen planner and click on the "Product List" button at the bottom of the screen.
2. In the product list, locate the item(s) you want to remove and click on the trash bin icon next to the item(s).
3. Click "Yes" to confirm that you want to remove the item(s) from your design. Then It's ready to check out with!

Note

So Watt recommend that kick panels are purchased from both IKEA and So Watt, as fastening So Watt kicks is easier onto an existing IKEA kick that uses the clip mechanism.

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3.1 Choose Your Materials

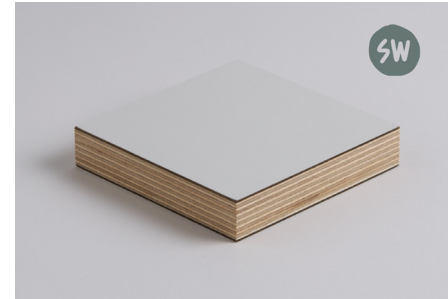


Choose the materials for your doors and drawer fronts



Hoop Pine Plywood (MP)

Hoop pine is a locally grown timber and as a result it does little travel from forrest to factory, making this a great ethical material choice.



Laminex (L)

Australian made Laminex laminates are a familiar durable option that look even better once pressed onto our Australian made hoop pine ply.



Fenix (F)

The award winning Italian Fenix NTM laminates have antibacterial and thermal self healing properties. Plus it's resistant to heat and scratches.



Hardwood Plywood (SG)

Spotted Gum ply has a dark grandeur about it with a rippling movement over the surface. Australian made, it is exceedingly hard and durable.



Defy Plastic (HD)

Made in NSW from local post consumer plastic like shampoo and milk bottles, this solid HDPE material is 100% waterproof with every sheet offering a unique pattern.



Find More
Options
Here

3.2 Customise Your Kitchen



Personalise your kitchen with custom So Watt additions



Custom Open Box

The open boxes are a great way to personalise your kitchen space and to allow for your homewares to shine.



Custom Benchtop

Adding a custom So Watt benchtop can be a great way to show off the simplicity of plywood. So Watt offers brass and copper pressed tops as well as our full range of laminates.



Fill Strips

Fill strips are a great way to get the look of bespoke joinery without having to pay for it. By adding a simple piece of timber between units it gives the impression that it was custom built.



Pegboard

Pegboards are an affordable, versatile and fun way to inject interest into your kitchen space. They also have the added bonus of being able to change as often as your possessions do.



So Watt Bar Stools

If you have a breakfast bar in your kitchen adding So Watt bar stools can be a great way to utilize that space in keeping with your kitchen materials.

4 Checkout With IKEA



Starting The Process

The purchasing procedure using the IKEA kitchen planner typically involves a few steps, starting with the initial design phase and ending with the delivery of your very own kitchen.

To begin, you can start by logging onto the IKEA website, to use the online kitchen planner. begin designing your kitchen by choosing from a wide range of cabinets, appliances, and accessories.

How To Design With IKEA

As you design your kitchen, the IKEA kitchen planner will automatically generate a shopping list based on the items you have selected. Once you have completed your design, you can review your shopping list, making sure to remove any items you will be purchasing from So Watt before finalizing your purchase.

Checking Out

When you are ready to make your purchase, you can place your order online or at an IKEA store. If you order online, you will be prompted to select a delivery date and time. Alternatively, if you order in-store, you can arrange for delivery with an IKEA representative.



5. Order So Watt

Getting Started

Once you've picked out your materials, finishes and handle style from our range, ordering IKEA hack products from So Watt is a simple data re-entry process.

Following The List

All that has to be done is to methodically work through the first IKEA shopping list that you exported (the one with doors, drawer fronts and cover panels in it) making sure that you purchase every door, drawer front and cover panel from So Watt that your IKEA kitchen plan stipulated.

Ordering Custom Elements

Once you've finished ordering the items that your IKEA kitchen plan specified it's time to move on to the process of ordering custom elements. If the custom element that you're after is listed on our website, all that has to be done is to check out with the correct material and finish. If the item you're after isn't available on our site email info@sowatt.com.au to enquire about getting it custom-made.

Timeframe

So Watt takes an average of 4-6 weeks to fulfil an order once it has been placed and paid for. So it is important to plan ahead and order in advance of the deadline for either you or your installer.



Need Extra Assistance?



Sentup

Sentup is So Watt's favoured partner for kitchen design and installations in greater Sydney.

"Established in Europe in 2001 Sentup has grown to become a leader in kitchen installation and delivery.

At Sentup we have invested in our own specialised fleet and employ Kitchen Designers, Electricians, Plumbers and Cabinetmakers, making us a true 'one-stop-shop' for the home builder, renovator and commercial construction business. We are proud to be associated with large blue-chip retailers and kitchen manufacturers including IKEA (Metod) and BUNNINGS (Kaboodle)."

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Burra Design

Burra Design is So Watt's favoured partner for kitchen design outside of greater Sydney.

"Alex Coates is the owner of Burra Design and is passionate about IKEA design. Alex has 12 years experience in the home renovation industry, both in Australia and the UK.

As a company, we are experts in our field and it's important for us to make sure we truly understand our clients, how they live and how they use the areas of their homes to then create designs that best suit their needs from a visual and functionality point of view."

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Luke Watson Design

Luke Watson Design is So Watt's favoured partner for all forms of installation in greater Melbourne.

"Luke Watson Design & Assembly (LWDA) is an energetic Kitchen installation business specialising in the assembly and installation of Flat Pack Kitchens. With a talented, experienced team focused on achieving excellence, we can assist you with the complete planning and installation process of your kitchen in a professional and reliable manner.

Located in the northern suburbs and servicing most areas of Melbourne and the Macedon Ranges, we're here to help you achieve the interior creation that is important to you."

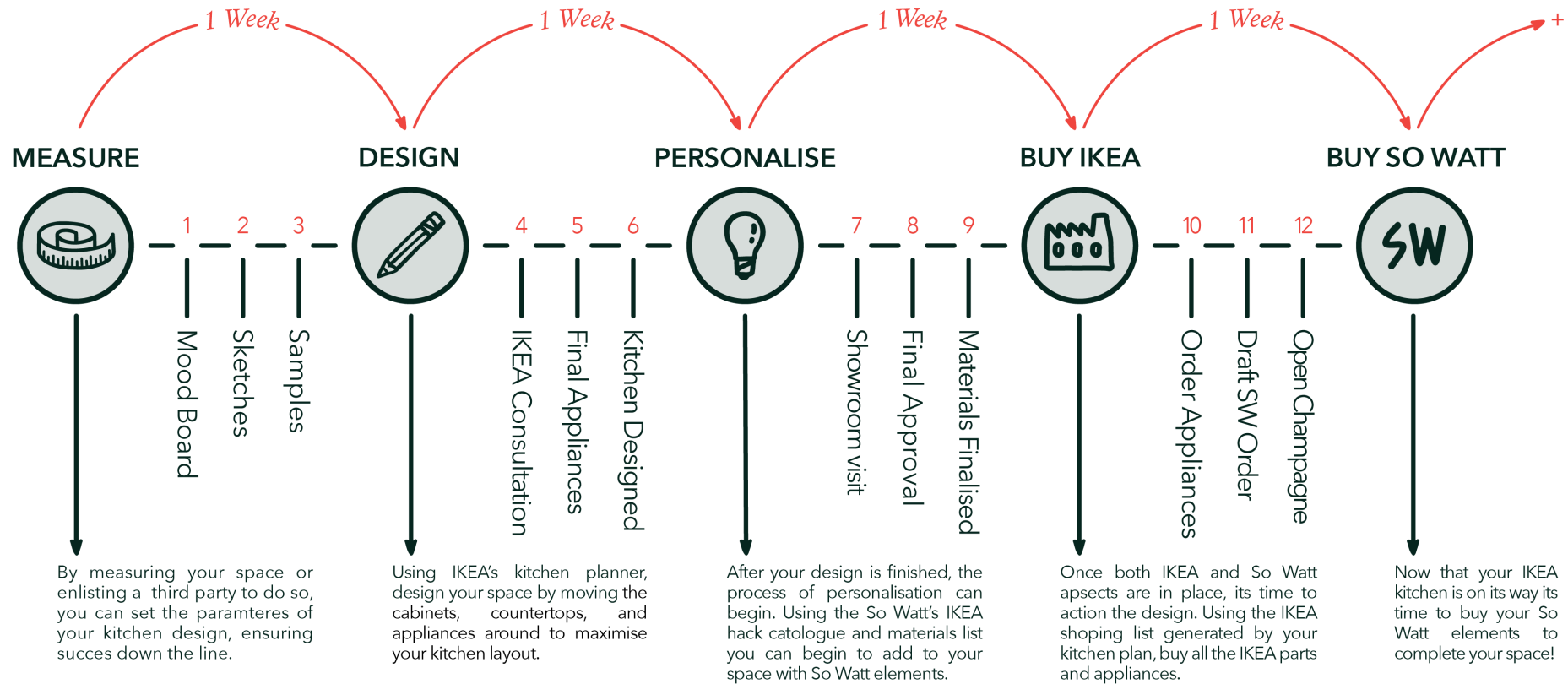
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YOUR IKEA HACK ROADMAP

*How To Expect Your So Watt
IKEA Hack To Flow*



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Furniture, Objects
and Spaces

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