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## ELF KITCHEN KITS - HOW TO PLAN YOUR KITCHEN

At the end of this brochure you will find two sets of diagrams; the first illustrates the various units available, while the second shows which units are available for any given measurement.


To plan your kitchen, cut a sheet of A4 paper into 2 " $(5 \mathrm{~cm})$ strips, see left. (2" represents the depth of the base units). Then cut the strip into sections that represent the widths of the base units (or tall units) you would like to include. Remember that if you want to include appliances, you should cut some extra 2" ( 5 cms ) wide sections (unless you have appliances already, maybe an Aga for example, that is wider, in which case cut sections of that width). You need to include some form of cooking, and washing up facilities, but beyond this, it is a matter of personal choice. Mark the pieces of paper with the names of the units, for example "wine rack", "oven", etc. If you would like a dishwasher or washing machine next to the sink (which is the usual place for it) cut a piece 4 " long to represent a 2 " unit and the appliance and mark it with a little sketch of a sink (see below right). The drainer section will go over the appliance. If you want to use a 3 " base for the sink, remember to allow space for another unit to one side, to give enough space to cut the hole for the sink and drainer. Remember that the American sink requires a 3 " unit.

If your kitchen includes a corner, you should cut a section either 3 " wide (which allows for a door $1^{\prime \prime}$ wide) or $31 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ wide ( $1 \frac{1}{2}$ " door).


Now you have prepared your strips of paper, start to place them in the room (or if you prefer on a paper template of your room, cut to fit the room precisely) and build up your layout. There are one or two things to remember when doing this:

- If you have a corner, start with this, placing the corner unit piece either along the back wall, or the relevant side wall
- If you have a "U" layout, you MUST have at least one of the corner units along the back wall (the other can be either along the back wall, or the side wall).
- If you have a window, and you wish to put units below the sill, you should calculate 3 " for the height of the base units. (Remember that it is possible to reduce the height of standard base cupboards, and the oven unit by $1 / 2$ " if you would like to create a split-level).
If you are using the Butler's sink unit, you MUST have at least one other unit on either side of the sink unit, otherwise the cut out for the sink will result in the worktop being too fragile. You must also use a WOOD worktop with Butler sinks, though if you wish, you can use wood for the sink and the units immediately adjacent, and another surface for the rest of the kitchen. If you wish to use a Butler sink, please contact us with the details when ordering, so that you receive the correct, pre-cut top for your sink.
- If units are going to fill the space between two opposite walls, allow a little extra space for ease of fitting. For instance, if your room is $93 / 4$ " wide, use units that add up to $91 / 2^{\prime \prime}$. You will be able to adjust the corner unit, or use a filler strip for any extra space. Remember too that you can make standard base (and wall) cabinets and shelf units narrower if required.
- Allow a minimum of $1 / 4$ " at the end of a run, for instance where it ends towards the front of the house, or near a doorway. This is to allow for panelling the end of the unit to match your doors, and creating a small overlap on the worktop, which gives a more professional finish. It will also allow for any architrave on wall units.

The diagram below shows the spaces that should be left for fitting, and the disposition of corner units.


Once you have made out your plan for base units, if you want to add wall units at this stage, cut more strips of paper 1 1/8" deep, and where possible, cut these in widths corresponding to the units in your base plan. PLEASE NOTE, if you have a corner arrangement, cut a 2 " wide piece of the 2 " strip, and cut it across one corner as shown, to represent the corner unit, and sit that over the base unit in the corner, as shown below.


