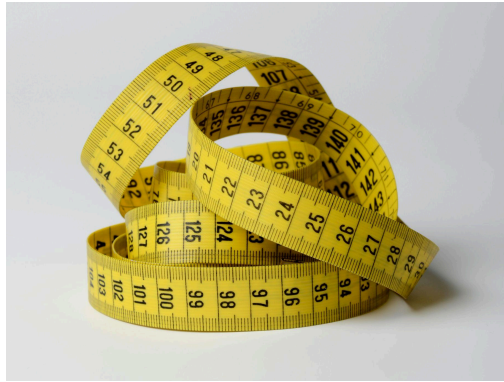


How to Measure Kitchen Cabinets

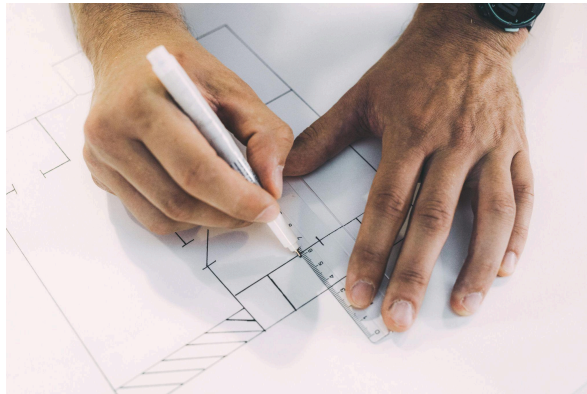


Gather Your Tools

Before starting, keep a tape measure, a pencil, and a notebook. A level and a straight edge will help detect uneven walls. If possible, have someone hold the other end of the tape measure.

Measure the Wall Space

1. Width – Measure the length of the wall from one corner to the other and write it down.
 2. Height – Measure from the floor to the ceiling and record the result.
 3. Units – Always use inches, and note even the fractions (like $\frac{1}{4}$ or $\frac{1}{8}$) instead of rounding.
- Double-check every figure before moving on.



Record and Sketch Dimensions

Draw a rough outline of your kitchen. Label:

- Wall lengths and ceiling height

- Window and door widths and heights
- Distance from doors and windows to the nearest corner
- Door swing direction and sill height from the floor

This drawing doesn't need to be artistic, only accurate.

Measure Existing Cabinets (If Replacing)

If you are replacing current cabinets, note their:

- Height – Base cabinet height from the floor to the top, not including countertops.
- Width – From edge to edge of each unit.
- Depth – How far the cabinet projects from the wall.

Do the same for upper cabinets by measuring bottom to top and wall to front.



Mark Key Fixtures

Cabinet placement depends on existing features, so mark:

- Plumbing near sinks and dishwashers
- Electrical outlets and switches
- Venting ducts and gas lines
- Ceiling or wall lighting

Why Precision Matters

Even a small measurement error can cause:

- Cabinet doors that won't open fully
- Awkward gaps or crooked alignments
- Costly re-orders or installation delays

Correct dimensions ensure that everything fits and functions properly.



New Installation vs. Replacement

- New installation: Measure the full wall length and ceiling height, then map out windows, doors, and appliances.
 - Replacement: Do the same as above but also measure the existing cabinet width, height, and depth to match or adjust the layout.
- Once complete, check your notes twice to avoid mistakes.

Measuring Cabinet Hinges

Hinges play an important role in door movement. Focus on:

1. Overlay – The amount of cabinet frame covered by the door when closed.
2. Hinge cup hole – Measure the diameter and depth of the circular hole on the back of the door.
3. Mounting plate – Inside the cabinet, note the spacing of screw holes on the plate that attaches the hinge.



Tips for Accurate Measurements

- Use graph paper for neat sketches.
- Always measure in inches and record fractions.
- Measure every wall from corner to corner and from floor to ceiling.
- Check for uneven walls with a level.
- Don't forget trims like baseboards and moldings.
- Mark appliances (fridge, oven, dishwasher, sink) on your layout.

- Note ceiling features such as soffits, beams, or slopes.
- Take photos for reference when shopping or working with contractors.