

HANDMADE KITCHENS

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Base cabinets

1. Standard height of base cabinets is 870mm, and they are supplied with adjustable feet for levelling and these give 20mm of adjustment upwards. However, some base cabinets can be made lower, so for example if you have a low window we can make low cabinets to go under it, and the rest of the kitchen standard height. See our catalogue for individual cabinet dimension limits.
2. Standard depth of base cabinets is 600mm with a 50mm recess at the back to accommodate pipework, etc. However, you can specify any depth, and also any depth of recess. Cabinets with drawers have a min. depth of 350mm to accommodate the BLUM drawer runners.
3. If you need a cut out (for example to fit a cabinet around a pillar), please supply a plan view drawing of the cabinet with measurements of the cut out.
4. Plinth for base cabinets is supplied in 3m lengths and can be cut to fit on site.
5. Integrated appliances. There are 2 ways to do this. Firstly you can allow 680mm width for integrated appliance housings: (dishwashers, built under fridges, built under freezers, built under single ovens, built under washing machines) the housing actually consists of a 600mm door and 2 x 40mm end panels. Secondly, you can just have a door at 600mm as long as the appliance has a cupboard each side (not a Belfast sink!). Built under double ovens do not need a housing as they sit on the floor, so just allow 600mm width for these.
6. For built in ovens, microwaves, coffee machines, plate warmers, fridge freezers, please let us know the make and model so we can get the build in dimensions. We usually get this information from the manufacturers website or brochure. However, if you buy a new model or an end of run model, the info may not be on the website or in the brochure, in which case we will ask you to supply it.
7. Wooden knobs are supplied as standard, but are not fitted in case you want to use an alternative.
8. You do not need to order an end panel unless you have a freestanding appliance on the end of a run. In this case allow 40mm width for the end panel.
9. Where you have a cabinet that has a side on show, you can choose whether the side is plain, or V grooved (this gives it a tongue and groove effect). NOTE: V grooves not applicable to Oak/Oak Veneer cabinets.
10. All drawers are filled with top quality BLUM runners as standard (except spice drawers and drawers on reduced depth base cabinets). They can be fitted with soft closing mechanisms for an extra £12 per drawer, just note it on the order form.
11. For an L shaped corner cabinet, allow 900mm width along each wall. You can choose whether to have a shelf inside or a carousel. You can also choose whether the door is left or right hinged.

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12. For 1 door cabinets, choose left or right hinged.
13. Base pull out ladders will be supplied fitted in the cabinet
14. Base waste bins will be supplied fitted in the cabinet.

Wall cabinets:

1. Standard height for wall cabinets is 575mm, 720mm or 900mm. However, you can specify any height. So wall cupboards can go right up to the ceiling if required.
2. Allow anything from 450mm to 500mm between the top of the worktop and the bottom of the wall cupboard.
3. Standard depth of wall cupboards is 350mm with a 20mm recess at the back to allow for uneven walls, etc. However, you can specify any depth.
4. The top of each wall cabinet is recessed to allow for the running of extractor ducting behind the cornice.
5. Cornice is supplied in 3m lengths for fitting on site. Our C1 traditional cornice fits flush against the front of the cupboard, so it's easy to fit. In other words the cornice height is included in the height of the cupboard, and doesn't need to be added on. Our C3 flat top cornice is 20mm high and sits on top of the cupboard. Please still order the cupboard at the overall height you want (so including cornice).
6. The base of wall cabinets is recessed by 20mm to allow for lighting. We can supply 40mm light pelmet if required.
7. All wall cabinets have adjustable shelving.
8. Where you have a cupboard that has a side on show, you can choose whether the side is plain, or V grooved (this gives it a tongue and groove effect). NOTE: V grooves not applicable to Oak/Oak Veneer cabinets.
9. For 1 door cabinets choose left or right hinged.
10. Width of cupboard is the width of the carcass, so if space is tight don't forget that if you want the cornice to return along the side of the cupboard, it will stick out at the top about 50mm. If the wall cupboards are going from wall to wall this won't apply.
11. If you put an integrated microwave in a wall cupboard, make sure that you have one designed for that purpose, some are made for tall cabinets and are too deep. Most wall microwaves are 300mm deep. Even better, consider a freestanding microwave in a special cupboard hidden behind 2 doors. (NOTE: you will have to leave the doors open when using the microwave).

Tall Cabinets

1. Top of tall cupboards usually lines up with top of wall cupboards. So start with the wall cupboard height. For example: The top of the worktop is 910mm high if using 40mm wood worktops, or 900mm if using 30mm granite worktops. Now add 450mm for the space between the worktop and the wall cupboard, now add 720mm for the height of the wall cupboard. Total 2080mm (910mm + 450mm + 720mm), so in this case you would order your tall cabinets 2080mm high.

2. If you want your tall cupboards to go right up to the ceiling, we must make them in 2 pieces otherwise you will not be able to stand them up in the kitchen. (The corner to corner measurement is bigger than the top to bottom measurements).
3. Make sure that you will be able to get tall cabinets into the kitchen (through doors and hallways, etc (we don't know your house!))
4. Allow 680mm width for oven housings, microwave housings, coffee machine housings, plate warmers. Please let us know the make and model so we can get the build in dimensions. We usually get this information from the manufacturers website or brochure. However, if you buy a new model or an end of run model, the info may not be on the website or in the brochure, in which case we will ask you to supply it.
5. Standard depth for tall appliance housings is 600mm, but you can go deeper if you need to.
6. If you want a double oven and a microwave in the same tall housing, the oven will start quite low down, otherwise the microwave will be dangerously high.
7. For tall pull out ladders, the pull out will be supplied but not fitted as the manufacturers instructions state that the pull out should only be fitted when the cabinet is in place.
8. Where you have a cabinet that has a side on show, you can choose whether the side is plain ,V grooved (this gives it a tongue and groove effect) or panelled. NOTE: V grooves not applicable to Oak/Oak Veneer cabinets.

Worktops:

Wood:

1. You can either buy your worktops from us or source them elsewhere.
2. We have 2 types, block or plank. Block are made of small blocks of wood. Plank worktops are made from long lengths of wood than run the full length of the worktop.
3. All our hardwood worktops are 40mm thick.
4. Hardwood upstands are also available at 80mm high.
5. When planning how much to buy, go for at least 620mm deep so that you have an overhang at the front over the 600mm cabinets.
6. Also, don't forget to allow for an overhang at the end of a run of cabinets (unless the cabinets go right to the wall)
7. Allow for butt joints rather than mitred joints
8. Our worktops will be supplied as blanks. This means a rectangular piece of wood with square edges. This will need to be cut to fit on site, and edged with a router if you don't want the square edges. We are asked if we can cut the worktops, however as we have no way of knowing how straight (or not) your walls are this is a job best carried out onsite. Most kitchen fitters and carpenters will be able to do this.
9. Please follow the care instructions you get with the worktops.

Granite:

1. We can supply you with granite worktops, please ask for a granite quote with your kitchen quote, or use our calculator on our website.

General:

1. Use the WORD version of the order form if you can and type out the order. Then if you need to change it later, you don't have to re-write the whole thing!
2. There is a cut out planner you can use (see the downloads page)
3. Door catches: You can choose between roller catches and magnetic catches for the doors.
4. Hinges: You can choose between 2 styles (plain or with finials) and 3 finishes (bronzed, chromed or brassed).
5. Delivery: We deliver all over the UK. Standard delivery is £290 whatever size of order to anywhere in our standard delivery area (see website FAQ for map). Enhanced delivery is £450, Unfortunately, collection from our workshop is not possible. Please call for a quote to deliver outside our standard area.

Please call us on 01202 475515 if you have any questions about these notes.

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