

# Cabinet Terms & definitions



**Toe-kick:** The recessed area at the bottom of the base cabinet, allowing space for your feet when standing in front of the cabinet.

**Reveal:** The visible portion of the cabinet frame or door that is exposed when the cabinet door is closed. It refers to the amount of the frame or door that is visible.

**Base cabinet:** The lower cabinets that sit on the floor and provide storage space. These cabinets are typically used for countertop support and contain drawers or shelves.

**Wall cabinet:** The upper cabinets that are mounted on the wall above the countertop. These cabinets are usually used for storage and can have various configurations such as doors or open shelves.

**Backsplash:** The vertical surface behind the countertop and below the wall cabinets. It is designed to protect the wall from water, stains, and damage and can be made of various materials like tile, stone, or laminate.

**Face frame:** A structural framework attached to the front of a cabinet box. It provides strength and stability to the cabinet and serves as a mounting point for doors and drawers.

**Overlay:** The amount of cabinet door and drawer front that overlaps the face frame. Common overlay types include full overlay (covers most of the face frame), partial overlay (partially covers the face frame), and inset (fits within the face frame).

**Drawer Slides:** The mechanisms that allow drawers to open and close smoothly. They can be side-mounted or under-mounted and come in various styles like ball-bearing or soft-close.

**Hinges:** The hardware that allows cabinet doors to swing open and closed. They can be concealed or visible, and different types are available, such as overlay hinges or inset hinges.

**Hardware:** Refers to the knobs, handles, pulls, or other decorative and functional accessories attached to the cabinet doors and drawers for opening and closing them.

This should give you a good starting point in understanding kitchen cabinet terminology.

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