

BURKARD **CUSTOM CABINETS**

Custom Cabinetry Standards & Construction Guide

Built intentionally. Built precisely. Built to last.

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Who We Are

Burkard Custom Cabinets is a custom cabinet manufacturer serving Chester County and surrounding areas.

We design and build cabinetry in-house, specifically for each client and each home. Every project is made to order — built for your layout, your dimensions, and your functional needs.

Our cabinets are constructed in our shop by our team using premium materials, proven construction methods, and high-quality hardware. Each piece is built with careful attention to structural integrity, finish consistency, and long-term durability.

Because every cabinet is built from the ground up, we are able to focus on precision fit, thoughtful design, and craftsmanship that performs as well as it looks.

Our goal is simple: cabinetry that fits your space properly, functions the way it should, and holds up over time.

What “Custom” Really Means

The word custom can mean different things depending on how cabinetry is built.

True custom cabinetry means your cabinets are built specifically for your home — not selected from a catalog of fixed sizes or modified from pre-manufactured components.

Custom means:

- Built to exact dimensions for your space
- Designed around your layout and functional needs
- Constructed from individual components in our shop
- Flexible in size, configuration, and detail
- Finished using a controlled, professional shop-applied process

Because each cabinet is built from raw materials, we are able to prioritize structural strength, proper fit, and long-term performance rather than working within predetermined sizing systems.

The result is cabinetry that integrates seamlessly into your home — without unnecessary fillers, forced proportions, or limitations driven by inventory constraints.

Our Build Standards

Cabinet Structure

Every cabinet begins with the structure. Strength, alignment, and long-term durability depend on how the box is built — not just how it looks from the outside.

Our cabinet construction includes:

- $\frac{3}{4}$ " furniture-grade plywood sides, tops, and bottoms
- $\frac{1}{2}$ " backs fully captured in dado joinery
- Full dado construction for structural integrity
- Solid stretcher tops for added stability
- Integrated toe kicks built as part of the cabinet
- Glued assembly reinforced for long-term rigidity
- $\frac{3}{4}$ " solid hardwood face frames (maple standard)
- $1\frac{1}{2}$ " hardwood stiles and rails

These construction methods are selected for long-term structural stability — not speed of production. Integrated toe kicks and reinforced joinery ensure stability during installation and throughout years of daily use.

Custom cabinetry should feel solid — because it is.

Drawer, Door & Hardware Standards

Drawer Construction

- 5/8" solid soft maple dovetail drawer boxes
- 3/8" Baltic birch drawer bottoms
- Full-extension undermount soft-close slides (Siya America)

Dovetail joinery and thicker material provide strength at the joints — where drawers experience the most stress. Full-extension undermount slides allow smooth operation and complete access to drawer contents.



Hinges & Door Function

- BLUM Compact soft-close hinges as standard
- Specialty hinges used when required by design



Quality hinges ensure consistent alignment and reliable performance. Soft-close performance is included as part of our standard hardware selection.

Door Construction

- 3/4" thick cabinet doors
- Painted doors machined in-house from high-quality MDRF
- Optional all-hardwood 5-piece door construction

Door construction impacts both durability and finish stability.

Machined doors provide consistency and smooth profiles, while hardwood options offer traditional joinery and natural wood movement performance.



Professional Finishing Process

A durable, consistent finish is the result of preparation, environment, and process — not just paint color.

All painted cabinetry is finished in our shop using a controlled, professional spray system designed specifically for cabinetry. Cabinet-grade coatings require controlled application and proper cure time.

Our finishing standards include:

- Sherwin-Williams Sher-Wood Universal Primer
- Sherwin-Williams Hydroplus Waterborne topcoat system
- Two coats of primer
- Three coats of finish
- Sanding between each coat

Each component is finished individually in a controlled shop environment to ensure uniform coverage, smooth texture, and long-term durability.

Shop-applied finishing allows for consistency and protection that cannot be replicated with typical site-applied paint methods.

Why This Matters

Cabinetry experiences daily wear from moisture, cleaning products, and regular use. A properly applied cabinet-grade coating system improves adhesion, durability, and long-term performance.

What Influences Project Investment

Every custom cabinetry project is built to order. Because no two homes or layouts are the same, project investment reflects the overall scope and level of customization involved.

While our construction standards remain consistent, several factors influence overall pricing:

Project Size & Layout

The total number of cabinets, overall footprint, ceiling height, and layout complexity all impact material use, labor time, and installation requirements.

Interior Storage & Accessories

Pull-outs, drawer configurations, specialty organizers, appliance panels, and integrated storage solutions increase material and hardware costs while improving function.

Door Style & Construction

Flat panel, raised panel, applied molding details, hardwood construction, or specialty profiles require varying levels of machining and assembly time.

What Influences Project Investment

Finish Selection

Painted finishes, specialty colors, multi-step finishing, stains, and protective topcoats require different preparation and application processes.

Customization & Detail Work

Inset construction, furniture-style ends, decorative panels, extended heights, custom moldings, and architectural integrations increase build time and craftsmanship requirements.

Installation Scope

On-site conditions, ceiling heights, structural variations, trim integration, and project coordination can affect installation labor.

Our core construction standards — materials, joinery, hardware, and finishing process — remain consistent across all projects.

Investment reflects size, complexity, and level of customization, not reduced material quality.

Built for the Long Term

Custom cabinetry is an investment in how your home functions and feels every day.

The materials, joinery, hardware, and finishing process behind each cabinet are selected with long-term performance in mind. Structural integrity, consistent finishing, and precise installation all contribute to cabinetry that looks refined and holds up over time.

Our goal is not simply to complete a project — it is to build cabinetry that fits properly, operates smoothly, and continues to perform years after installation.

Every cabinet is built intentionally.

Every detail is constructed with care.

Every project reflects the same standard.

