



Kitchen Cabinet Painting Made Easy

A step-by-step guide for turning your worn and unattractive cabinetry into beautifully finished cupboards that transform an entire kitchen.

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8 Simple Steps to Success

▶ A SYSTEMATIC PROCESS

Kitchen cabinets are a primary influence to the overall aesthetic of your kitchen. Because they take up a lot of surface area, your cabinetry plays a leading role in the design of your most-used room. Professional results can be achieved by following this 8-step process:

1. Inspect the current surfaces of your cabinets
2. Empty cupboards and remove the doors
3. Thoroughly clean all surfaces
4. Repair any existing damages
5. Cover surfaces you aren't painting
6. Lightly sand cabinet surfaces
7. Prime your cabinet surfaces
8. Paint your cabinetry

Everything you may Need

► Materials

Paint

Primer

Wood Filler

Painters Tape

Paint Stripper

Trisodium Phosphate

► Tools

Dust Mask

Gloves

Mini-roller

Sandpaper

Screwdriver/Drill

Paintbrush or Sprayer

Sponge

Rolling Tray

Plastic Peeler

Putty Knife

Door Hardware

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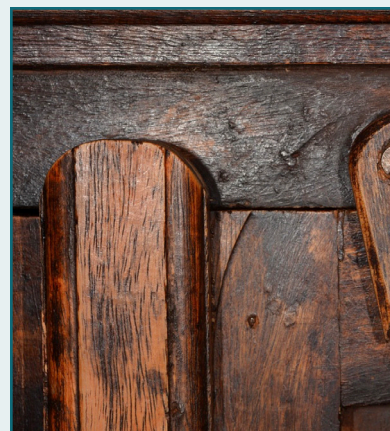
Inspect the Current Cabinets

► DETERMINE THE CURRENT STATE OF YOUR CABINETS

The current state of your cabinets will greatly dictate the overall process. It is simple to determine the state of your cabinets through a visual assessment.



*** Cabinets in good condition can be primed and painted over*



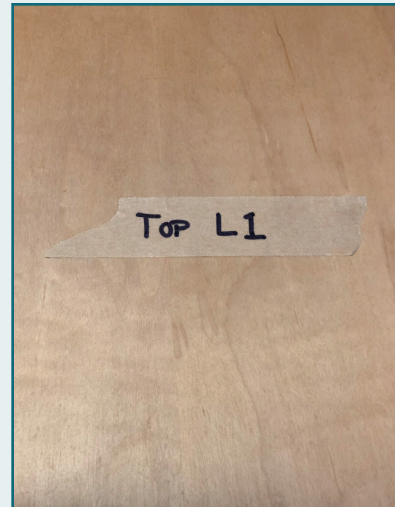
*** Cabinets with rough surfaces, chips, cracks, or peels will need more up-front prep*

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Remove Your Cabinet Doors

▶ DISSASSEMBLE CABINETRY BEFORE GETTING STARTED

To ensure your cabinetry gets properly painted, it is important to remove doors and hardware from their frames. It is impossible to properly paint all the surfaces while your cabinets are in an assembled state.



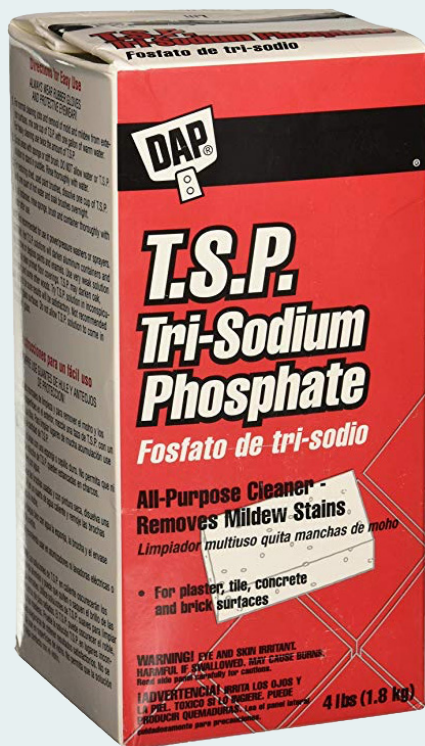
*** Labelling doors and hardware will make installation simple later on*

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Clean Cabinet Surfaces

► THOROUGHLY CLEAN ALL SURFACES WITH TSP

Grease and debris naturally builds up within your kitchen. Painting directly over these materials will lead to visible bumps on what should be smooth surfaces- it can also lead to paint not adhering properly and then chipping off in the future.



Trisodium Phosphate (TSP) breaks down materials which prevent paint adherence

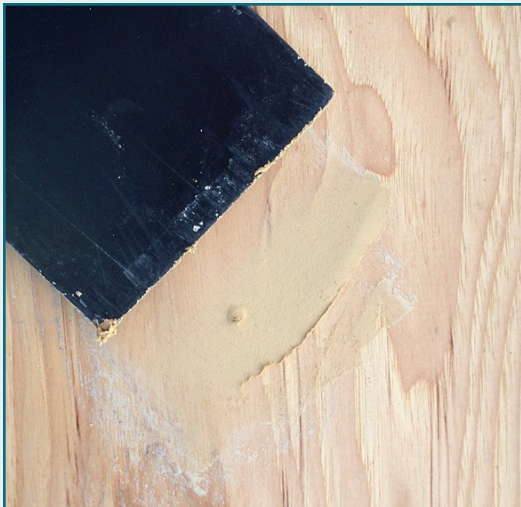


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Repair any Existing Damages

► **USE WOOD FILLER TO SMOOTH OUT GAPS, CRACKS, AND DENTS**

It is unlikely that paint alone will cover up any surface imperfections. In fact, a new and clean coat of paint will make any chips and dents more visible. This often overlooked step can make a huge difference in the final result of your reno.



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Drop Cloth and Painters Tape

► **COVER ANY SURFACES YOU DONT WANT TO GET PAINT ON**

It is difficult for even experienced painters to avoid any mess. The difference between amateurs and professionals is that the pros use preventative care to ensure a job turns out well. Don't assume that you can stay neat when painting.



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Sand Cabinet Surfaces

▶ LIGHTLY SAND SURFACES WITH MEDIUM-GRIT SANDPAPER

This step smooths out dried wood filler or bumps from past coats of paint. For best results it is important to have level, smooth surfaces before painting.



*** Remember to clean off any remaining dust with a damp cloth after sanding*

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Prime Before Painting

▶ PRIME CABINETS INSIDE AND OUT FOR BETTER PAINT COVERAGE

A primed surface needs fewer coats of paint, as underlying colors and textures are flattened, and paint can better adhere. Foregoing primer is a mistake that can result in paint easily rubbing off or failing to provide appropriate coverage.



*** Use a dry roller to lightly smooth primer out and remove any buildup*



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Paint Your Cabinets

► PAINTING IS SIMPLE ONCE YOU'VE GOTTEN THIS FAR

When painting, remember to use even strokes with the brush and finish back onto the wet paint. Feather out the edges to prevent hard lines or dripping. It is a good idea to apply a second coat to make sure that you get the best coverage.



Use a brush for detailed work



A mini roller works well for large areas



Start with edges, work back to-front



Skip drawer backs to prevent sticking





Congratulations!

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