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Tips for Easy Cabinet Installs

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Whether installing a simple-one piece, a vanity or a full-on kitchen, the process is the same throughout. I've always said if anything will go wrong over the course of a project, it will go wrong at the cabinet stage. This is just the nature of the beast with cabinetry.

When planning a new layout there are so many things to consider, from mechanical, to appliances, to spacing, lighting, plumbing etc. This is why devoting proper time to the planning stage will positively affect how smoothly the process unfolds as well as the final outcome. Here are a few key tricks to help you achieve a successful outcome.

Proactive Troubleshooting

Always start with a good plan. Though I've been installing for more than 25 years now, I still always do a preliminary layout by actually drawing out cabinet lines on the wall lightly in pencil with a level according to the floor layout. This will help to save you costly time, mistakes and re-dos by allowing you to see how the install will unfold before you actually start screwing boxes to the walls.

Things to watch for are: required filler material; sink centred under a window; equal spacing for wall cabinetry on either side of a window; stove spacing with wall cabinetry centred directly above; fridge & dishwasher spacing; electrical outlets; plumbing; walk-way clearances; ceiling height; and the list goes on.