

# KITCHEN MEASUREMENT GUIDE

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Everything you need to measure your kitchen  
for a perfect cabinet fit

KITCHENS AND BATHROOMS  
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## **BEFORE YOU START**

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Accurate measurements are the foundation of a great kitchen remodel. Taking the time to measure carefully will ensure your new cabinets fit perfectly and look amazing. This guide walks you through each step.

### **Tools You Will Need:**

- Tape measure (25 ft recommended)
- Pencil and eraser
- Graph paper or the measurement worksheet on the last page
- Step stool or ladder
- Camera or smartphone for reference photos
- Level (optional but helpful)

### **Important Tips:**

- Always measure in inches. Do not round up or down.
- Measure each wall at least twice to confirm accuracy.
- Remove any items from countertops and clear the area before measuring.
- Note the location of all electrical outlets, switches, and plumbing connections.
- Take photos of each wall from different angles for reference.
- If you have existing cabinets, measure from wall to wall, not cabinet to cabinet.

## STEP 1: WALL MEASUREMENTS

Start by creating a rough sketch of your kitchen layout from a bird's eye view. Include all walls, doorways, windows, and any architectural features. Then measure each wall using the steps below.

### A. Overall Wall Lengths

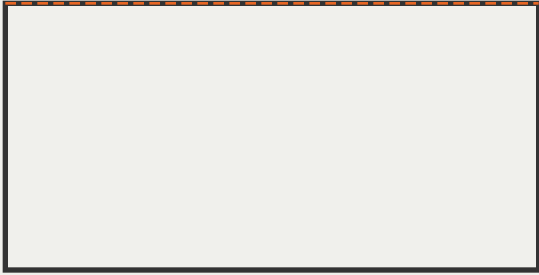
- Measure each wall from corner to corner at counter height (36 inches from the floor).
- Record the total length of each wall in inches.
- For L-shaped or U-shaped kitchens, measure each section separately.

### B. Ceiling Height

- Measure from the finished floor to the ceiling in at least three spots along each wall.
- Note the shortest measurement. This is critical for tall cabinet and crown molding planning.

### C. Soffit Dimensions (if applicable)

- Measure the depth of the soffit from the wall.
- Measure the height from the top of the soffit to the ceiling.
- Measure the length of the soffit along the wall.



**WALL LENGTH**  
Measure at counter height (36" from floor)

**CEILING HEIGHT**

**PRO TIP**

If your walls are not perfectly square, note the difference. Older homes often have walls that are slightly out of plumb. Always use the smallest measurement when ordering cabinets to ensure proper fit.

## STEP 2: WINDOWS, DOORS & OBSTACLES

Mark the exact position and size of every window, door, and obstacle on your sketch. These measurements determine where cabinets can and cannot be placed.

### A. Windows

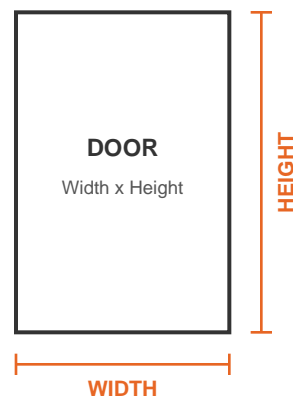
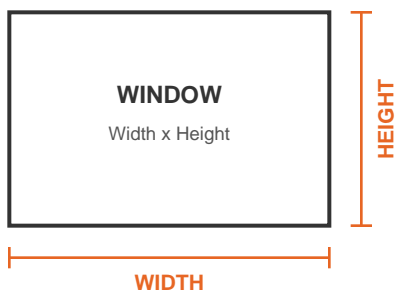
- Measure the width and height of each window (frame to frame).
- Measure from the nearest corner or wall edge to the left side of the window frame.
- Measure from the floor to the bottom of the window sill.
- Measure from the floor to the top of the window frame.

### B. Doors & Openings

- Measure the width and height of each doorway (frame to frame).
- Note which direction the door swings (in or out, left or right).
- Measure from the nearest corner to the edge of the door frame.

### C. Utilities & Obstacles

- Mark locations of all electrical outlets and light switches (distance from nearest corner and height from floor).
- Mark plumbing connections: water supply lines and drain locations for sink and dishwasher.
- Note the location of gas lines (for range/cooktop).
- Mark any vents, ducts, pipes, or structural columns.
- Note the location of the electrical panel if it is in or near the kitchen.



## STEP 3: APPLIANCE MEASUREMENTS

If you plan to keep existing appliances or have already purchased new ones, record their dimensions. This ensures proper cabinet sizing and cutout planning.

| APPLIANCE              | WIDTH | HEIGHT | DEPTH | NOTES |
|------------------------|-------|--------|-------|-------|
| Refrigerator           | _____ | _____  | _____ | _____ |
| Range / Cooktop        | _____ | _____  | _____ | _____ |
| Wall Oven              | _____ | _____  | _____ | _____ |
| Microwave              | _____ | _____  | _____ | _____ |
| Dishwasher             | _____ | _____  | _____ | _____ |
| Sink                   | _____ | _____  | _____ | _____ |
| Range Hood / Vent      | _____ | _____  | _____ | _____ |
| Washer (if applicable) | _____ | _____  | _____ | _____ |
| Dryer (if applicable)  | _____ | _____  | _____ | _____ |

### Standard Appliance Reference Sizes:

- Refrigerator: Typically 30", 33", or 36" wide
- Range/Cooktop: Typically 30" or 36" wide
- Dishwasher: Standard is 24" wide
- Sink base cabinet: Usually 30", 33", or 36" wide
- Microwave over range: Typically 30" wide

## STEP 4: UNDERSTANDING CABINET TYPES

Kitchen cabinets come in three main types. Understanding these will help you communicate your needs and ensure accurate ordering.

### BASE CABINETS

Standard height: 34.5"  
(36" with countertop)  
Standard depth: 24"  
Widths: 9" to 48"

### WALL CABINETS

Heights: 12", 15", 18",  
24", 30", 36", 42"  
Standard depth: 12"  
Widths: 9" to 48"

### TALL CABINETS

Heights: 84" or 96"  
(pantry & utility)  
Standard depth: 24"  
Widths: 12" to 36"

### Key Spacing Guidelines:

- Wall cabinets are typically installed 18" above the countertop (54" from the floor).
- Range hood should be 24" to 30" above the cooktop surface.
- Allow at least 15" of counter space on each side of the cooktop.
- Allow at least 24" of counter space on one side of the sink.
- Leave 36" to 48" of clearance between opposing cabinets or a cabinet and an island.

## MEASUREMENT WORKSHEET

Fill in the measurements below and bring this sheet to your consultation or email it to us for a free quote.

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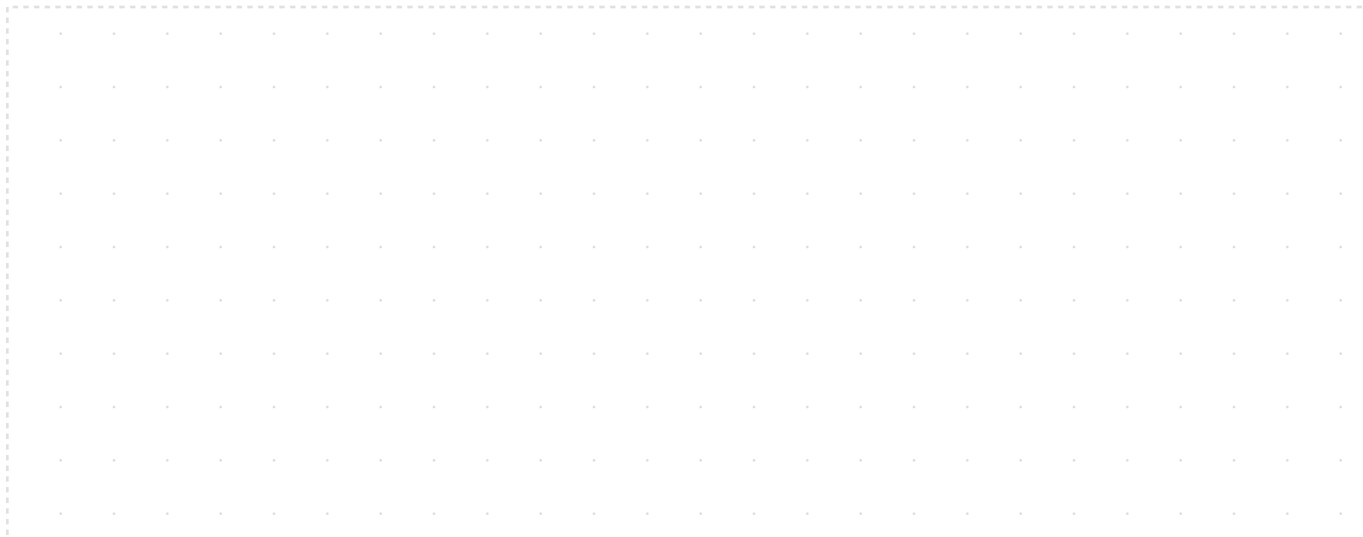
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Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

| WALL                   | LENGTH (in) | CEILING HT (in) | NOTES (windows, doors, etc.) |
|------------------------|-------------|-----------------|------------------------------|
| Wall A (North)         | _____       | _____           | _____                        |
| Wall B (East)          | _____       | _____           | _____                        |
| Wall C (South)         | _____       | _____           | _____                        |
| Wall D (West)          | _____       | _____           | _____                        |
| Island (if applicable) | _____       | _____           | _____                        |

### SKETCH YOUR KITCHEN LAYOUT:



Use this grid to sketch your kitchen floor plan. Mark walls, windows, doors, and appliance locations.

## NEXT STEPS

Once you have completed your measurements, you are ready to start planning your dream kitchen. Here is how to move forward with us:

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### **Email Your Measurements**

Send your completed worksheet and photos to [kitchens@kitchensbyclearway.com](mailto:kitchens@kitchensbyclearway.com). Include your sketch and any inspiration photos you have.

2

### **Free Design Consultation**

Our team will review your measurements and work with you to select the perfect cabinet style, finish, and layout for your space.

3

### **Receive Your Custom Quote**

We will provide a detailed, no-obligation quote based on your specific kitchen dimensions and cabinet selections.

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### **Place Your Order**

Once you approve the design and quote, we will handle ordering and coordinate delivery to ensure a smooth installation process.

## **READY TO GET STARTED?**

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for your free design consultation