



How to DIY Your Kitchen Cabinets

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3 Tips to Note as You Get Started

1.) Know Your Products and Buy the Best You Can Afford

I used Purdy brushes (recommended), a mini roller, and Sherwin Williams bonding primer. I also purchased a paint brush cover which kept my brush moist throughout the project and I didn't have to keep washing it.

2.) Take Your Time

I decided to tackle one set of cabinets at a time. This may not be how others would approach the project, but for me, it helped to have rewards along the way as I saw it coming together and also my entire kitchen was not torn up all at once. Since I only did one cabinet set every few days start to finish, it took me almost a month to complete the whole project. However, we were not disrupted and we could still utilize our kitchen throughout. I actually didn't even remove anything from the cabinets unless I needed to.

3.) Clean Up as You Go Along

I was methodical about cleaning up and doing my touch up paint before I moved on. When I was done with the project, I wanted to be done and not have to go back and try to remember where I needed to do a little extra something.



6 Steps to Tackle the Painting

1.) Wash Everything with TSP

Mix the powder with water, use a sponge to wipe down surfaces, and then remove with fresh clean water. Let dry.

2.) Sand Cabinets with a Fine Grade Sandpaper Block

I didn't sand a ton, but just enough to take the finish off. Follow with a tack cloth.

3.) Scotch Blue Tape

I used Scotch blue tape to tape everything off.

4.) Use a Clear Bonding Primer from Sherwin Williams

I liked the clear because literally I just slapped it on and didn't have to worry about being too careful. It dries clear and acts like glue to make the paint adhere to the wood surface.

5.) Cover the Cabinets with 2 Coats of Paint

The paint color I used was Popular Gray by Sherwin Williams. I opted for a semi gloss in their pro classic line of paints. I used a Purdy brush for the grooves and cutting in and a mini roller for the doors and larger surfaces. I was told a roller will give you the smoothest professional surface. I painted the inside and outside of the doors, around the trim, but not inside the cabinets except for the ones I was planning on having on display.

6.) Silicone Caulking Should go Around the Bevel of the Middle of the Door Insert

Another tip I got from my contractor was to use silicone caulking around the bevel of the middle of the door insert. A thin line which you then can wipe with your finger. Let dry over night. This will then fill the gap and make the door look like all one piece. It will look more professional and not show a shadow.

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