

# Kitchen Cabinets



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No longer seen as just a functional space, the kitchen has undergone a transformation and has become a true cornerstone for the home's design. Especially with Millennial homebuyers, who value self-expression, customization and maximizing the appeal of the rooms they spend the most time in—open formats, mixed materials like metal, glass and concrete, and smooth, matte finishes are gaining prevalence. The ornate carvings, corbels and thick moldings of yesterday are giving way to the rise of the clean, European-inspired look.



### PAINT VS. STAIN

While stained cabinets are still prevalent, painted finishes have overtaken them and are continuing to grow rapidly in popularity. Whites and grays continue to be the most sought-after colors for kitchen cabinets, but darker, bolder hues, like soft black and navy—particularly in matte or low gloss levels—are on the rise.

#### **THE ISLAND**

The kitchen island is no longer just an extension of counter space—it's being transformed into the house charging station, space for hidden small appliances and the perfect gathering spot for entertaining. The island is oftentimes the focal point of the kitchen, making it the perfect place to incorporate a pop of bold color.

### **TWO-TONE**

Two-tone, or tuxedo cabinets, have grown in popularity over the last few years, and this trend doesn't appear to be slowing down soon. This look, which includes light cabinets paired with contrasting, darker cabinets, is a great way to break up monotony and add visual interest.

### **CABINET STYLES**

Shaker continues to be a leading cabinet style, with contemporary and transitional styles splitting the rest of the market. When it comes to hardware, straight, clean lines fit right in the with the streamlined kitchen styles of today. Polished or brushed steel finishes remain popular and copper and gold finishes, as well as hardware-free cabinets, are also on the rise.

### **HIDDEN APPLIANCES**

Hidden appliances are becoming increasingly popular due in part to the trending "minimalist" look and the fact that kitchen space frequently comes at a premium. Toe kick drawers, floor to ceiling cabinets to lodge concealed refrigerators, icemakers, and pantries, and appliance garages are being used frequently to clear counter space.

From Boomer to Millennial, traditional to modern, the color palettes in this card were hand-selected by the Sherwin-Williams Color & Design experts.





### **BLUE/GREENS**

Saturated, soft blues and greens are proof that the kitchen can inspire mindfulness just as much as any other room in the home. When used with an aged, patina finish in a low or matte sheen, complemented by a calming neutral wall color, this cabinet palette is the perfect way to create a sense of serenity in this common gathering space.





**Interesting Aqua** 

SW6220

**Rocky River** 

#### SW6212

### TRADITIONAL

Warm meets timeless in this color palette that invokes feelings of simple elegance steeped in tradition. Popular in particular with the Baby Boomer generation and those with classic design taste, when it comes to the traditional style, the beauty is in the ornate architectural details.

Quietude

SW6215



Aleutian

SW6245

Quicksilver

SW6241



### MODERN

The modern palette exemplifies the "New Neutral" – a swing from the ever-popular cool gray to the trending warmer "greige", with hints of taupe. These grays blend well with their surroundings, and, when used on frameless cabinets with simple hardware, complement the industrial details of a modern space and create a sophisticated, streamlined look.





### TRANSITIONAL

This color palette strikes the perfect balance between the warm classics of traditional and the crisp hues of contemporary. Transitional kitchens break the defined style mold, and these cooler, muted neutrals offer just a pop of bold color that, when paired with unexpected finishes, countertop and backsplash materials, create a uniquely cohesive look.





### TIMELESS

Tried and true, shades of white and soft gray remain as popular as ever for cabinets and bring a sense of balance and simplicity to the kitchen. Cabinets in these classic hues are versatile – they can be the focal point of the room or the perfect blank slate, allowing other elements in the room, like the walls, countertops and islands to take center stage.





### CONTEMPORARY

This fresh look is loved by Millennials and design-forward homeowners, alike. Rooted in clean lines and geometric patterns, the contemporary style is brought to life with this cool, crisp color palette that—when used on full overlay cabinets—creates a look that is not only sleek and stylish, but functional and livable, too.





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