

# **Kitchen & Bath Measuring and Planning Guide**

Your First Step  
Toward Making Your  
Kitchen Dreams Come True!

Your Designer

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## Planning Guide

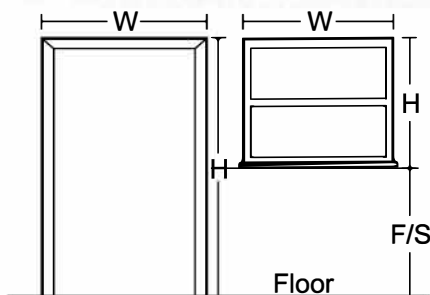
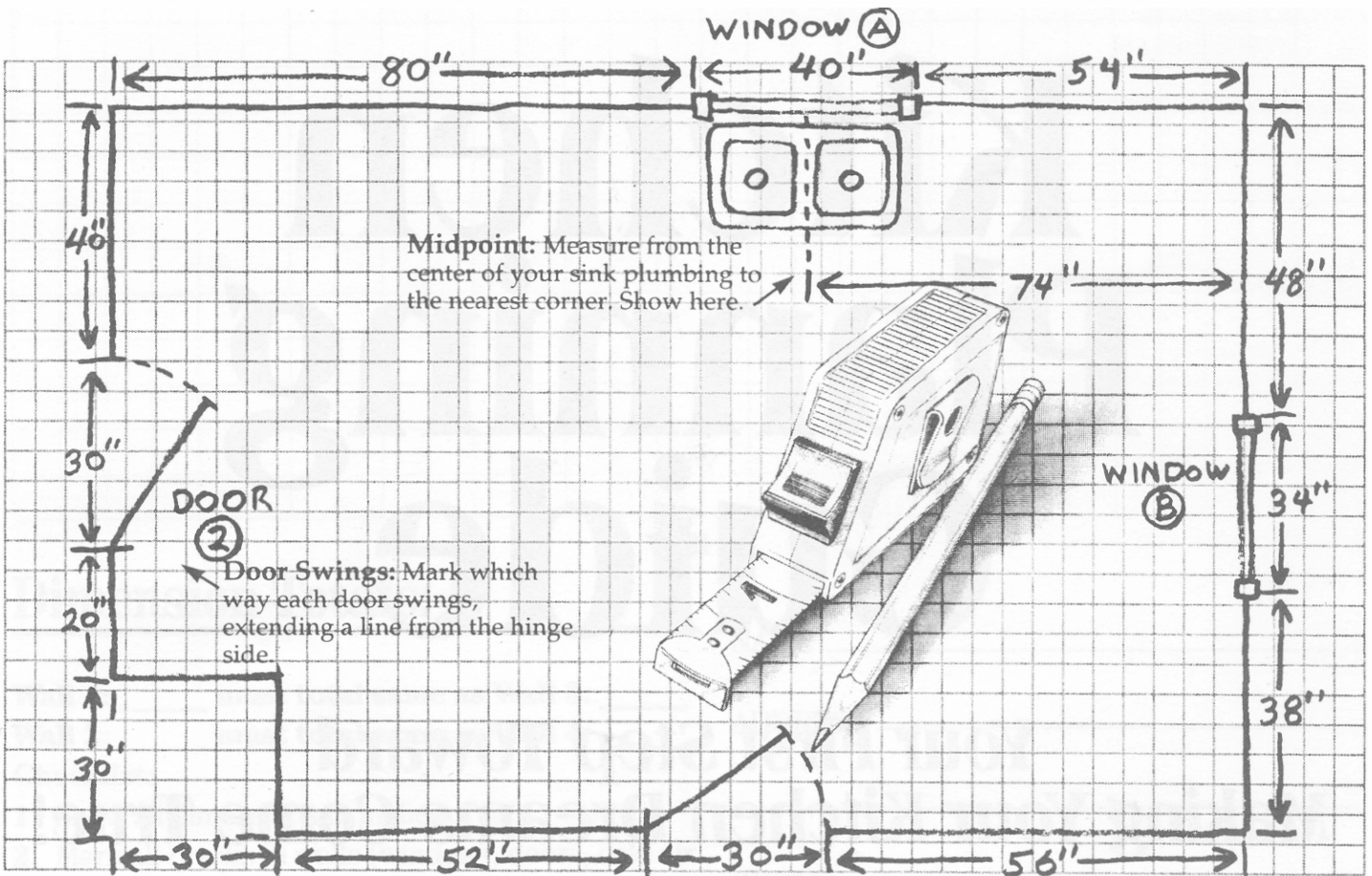
### Start by Measuring Your Space:

Cabinet Discounters designers are experts and will create a customized layout incorporating your family's needs and desires, but it must fit your space. Drawing dimensions is easy - all you need is a tape measure, a pencil, and the simple grid on the back of this Guide. Just be sure you get all the measurements written down. Your drawing should look similar to the one below.

**Start** by measuring the sink window wall first. Begin in the corner. Measure in inches to the edge of the window trim.

**Windows & Doors:** Mark in width from outside of trim to outside of trim. Fill in full dimensional data at bottom of this page.

**Continue...** Working clockwise, record all measurements of the room noting any breaks such as doors, offsets, etc/



Window	A	B	C	D
H (Window Height)	"	"	"	"
F/S (Floor to Sill)	"	"	"	"
H + F/S = TOTAL	"	"	"	"

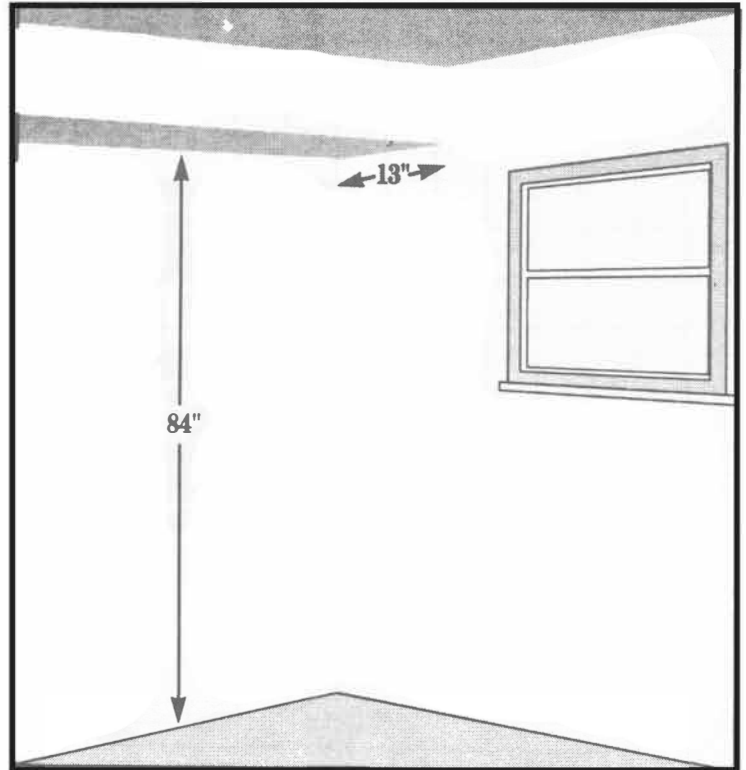
Door Height(s): \_\_\_\_\_"

Ceiling Height: \_\_\_\_\_"

**Windows & Doors:** Show width of each door and window on above drawing. Label as Window A, Window B; Door 1, Door 2, etc.

# Planning Details

1. This plan is for:  Remodeling  New Home
2. If you are remodeling, are you adding:  New subfloor  
 Drywall or Paneling over present wall
3. The age of your house is: \_\_\_\_\_ years.
4. Interior kitchen walls are:  Drywall  Plaster  
 Block  Brick
5. Exterior walls are:  Wood  Permanent Siding  
 Block  Brick  Stucco
6. Kitchen floor construction under the vinyl flooring, carpet or tile:  Wood  Concrete
7. If you have soffits, height from floor to soffit is \_\_\_\_\_" soffit depth is \_\_\_\_\_"
8. Kitchen table normally seats \_\_\_\_\_ persons.
9. Dimensions of existing table are \_\_\_\_\_" wide by \_\_\_\_\_" long; or if round \_\_\_\_\_" diameter



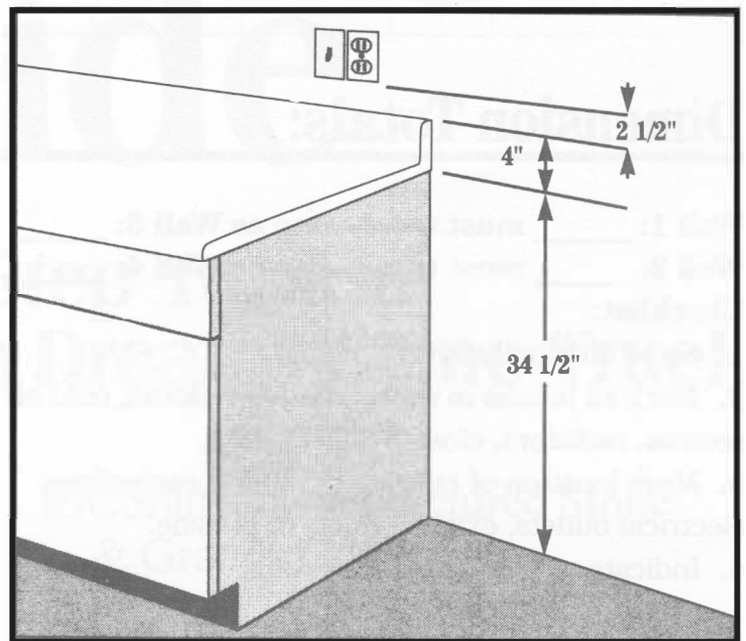
**Soffits:** A soffit is the bulkhead between the ceiling and the top of the cabinets. Distance from floor to soffit should be at least 84". Allow another 1/4" if you install an 84" cabinet. Depth may vary - normal is 13" which is 1" deeper than a wall cabinet.

Many designers do not use soffits. In some cases and extra high 42" wall cabinet is used. In others, the space above the wall cabinets is left open.

# Options Planning

**Which of these Options would you like to see included in your new kitchen if space permits.**

- Appliance garage with handsome tambor doors
- Built-in wine rack to add real beauty
- Chef's pantry with huge storage capacity
- Tall utility cabinet with roll-out drawers
- Range hood housed in matching wood cabinet
- Microwave cabinet for eye level convenience
- Decorative book case to display your treasures
- Corner cabinets with swing-out shelves
- Lazy Susan units in wall or base cabinets
- Tray cabinet to provide divided storage space
- Roll-out shelves to add real convenience
- Spice rack to multiply utility space
- Built-in trash basket in base cabinet
- Cutlery drawer, chopping block and bread box contained in a single handy base cabinet unit
- Stained glass doors to add real beauty
- Sink tilt-out drawer to utilize normally wasted space
- Sliding towel rack on the back of the sink door
- Swing-out cook book rack underneath wall cabinet
- Whatnot shelves to add dimension and beauty



**Base Clearance:** You need 41" below the windows and electrical outlets to fit in new base cabinets and a counter top with backsplash. This leaves 2 1/2" clearance above the counter top. If you have less than 1" clearance, be sure to notify your designer.

Wall 1

Start Here  
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Wall 4

Wall 2

Wall 3

**DIMENSION TOTALS:**

Wall 1: \_\_\_\_\_ must total same as Wall 3: \_\_\_\_\_

Wall 2: \_\_\_\_\_ must total same as Wall 4: \_\_\_\_\_

**Checklist:**

1. Show all dimensions in inches.
2. Mark all breaks in walls (windows, doors, cold air returns, radiators, closets, offsets, etc.)
3. Mark location of existing plumbing centerlines, electrical outlets, existing ducts to outside.
4. Indicate which are exterior walls.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phones: \_\_\_\_\_

email: \_\_\_\_\_



## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

When you're ready to get started, your Cabinet Discounters partner-in-design will need to know:

### The age of your house?

- Is there a second story over the kitchen?
- Is your house on a slab, crawlspace, or over a basement?
- Is your basement finished or unfinished?
- What materials are the interior walls of the kitchen?
- Do you have soffits in the kitchen?

### What Are Your Preferences?

You have your preferences: Given a choice, there are things you know you like and styles you know you don't like... Like choosing vanilla over chocolate, or chocolate over vanilla, decide what stands out in your mind.

- What kitchen style do you prefer: Casual, Contemporary, Rustic, Traditional or Transitional?
- Cabinet preference: Wood, Painted, Laminate?
- Wood species? Oak, Maple, Cherry or Hickory?
- What colors are you considering for cabinets: White, Light, Medium or Dark?
- What about the countertops and flooring: White, Light Medium or Dark?
- Countertop preference: Solid Surface, Engineered Stone, Granite, Ceramic Tile or Recycled Glass?
- Sink preference: Surface Mount, Under-Mount, Integral Bowl, Double Bowl, Single Bowl, Corner Sink, Farm Sink, Stainless or Copper?
- Faucet preference: single handle, double handle, traditional, contemporary, chrome or nickel finish?
- Appliances: standard, professional style or truly professional?
- Flooring: laminate, hardwood, sheet vinyl, bamboo, cork or porcelain tile?
- Lighting: ambient, tracklighting, tasklighting, pendants, fluorescent, halogen, incandescent or chandelier. Oh, the list can go on!
- Door/drawer pulls: glass, metal, balls, bars or whimsical?

### Go Shopping!

Yes, GO SHOPPING! How many times will you hear THAT in your life? To make your dream-kitchen scrapbook more complete, shop for appliances and special lighting, to get an idea of what's available to you and at what price tag. You will have these costs available to you when figuring your budget for the whole project.

Let's say you choose the refrigerator you just can't live without. Make certain it's available. Make sure you have the model numbers or the printed specs that tell the designer the amount of space it will require. Make sure you know how much it will cost as this will be subtracted from the dream-kitchen fund. As you consider new appliances and lighting fixtures with specific price tags, you'll be dipping into the dream-kitchen fund and be left with an amount with which your designer will work to create the kitchen you want!