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Cabinet Hardware Guide

Many designers refer to cabinet hardware as “the jewelry for the cabinets.” Decorative knobs and pulls should harmonize with the rest of your space, much like a signature ring or a trendy bracelet and reflect your personal style.

Knobs— are handles mounted to doors or drawers with a single screw and bolt. Some knobs have screws built in and are easier to install than ones with separate screws. Knobs can be combined with a back plate or used alone. They range from 3/4 inches to 2 inches in diameter. They range from simple mushroom shapes to pegs, squares and hexagonal motifs; you’ll find knobs in metal, glass, crystal, ceramic, wood, gemstones, and just about any color you can imagine.

Pulls— serve the same function as knobs but occupy more space. Therefore, pulls greatly impact the appearance of a cabinet. Pulls can be combined with a back plate or used alone and are usually attached with two screws. They come in many elongated shapes and finishes such as shiny chrome or sleek brushed nickel, pulls work especially well on contemporary cabinets. You’ll also find classic finishes like brass, antique copper, oil-rubbed bronze, and glass that pair perfectly with Victorian, Arts and Crafts, and Colonial cabinets. Because the entire hand is used, pulls are more comfortable to operate, especially for seniors and the disabled.

Bin pulls—Also known as crescent pulls or finger pulls, this half-moon shaped hardware style adds a nostalgic touch to traditional cabinetry.

Appliance pulls—Refrigerator and freezer pulls are available in several finishes to match your kitchen décor. Many lines feature a complete collection of matching knobs and pulls to create a seamless ensemble.

Cabinet Hardware Finishes

When choosing the finish for your hardware, you may be tempted to select the latest trend. Think about what style will look best in your home before making a decision.

If your style is traditional, brushed finishes, polished brass, nickel or pewter will complement your décor. If you have a more contemporary décor, choose finishes with an enameled or high gloss-metal shine or

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theme hardware to blend with the overall look of the kitchen. Knobs and Pulls are available in various colors, metals and finishes:

- Aged Bronze • Antique Copper • Ceramics • Iron • Polished Chrome • Nickel • Polished Sterling • Antique Brass •

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