

Walk through every decision before you order.

Step 1: Inventory your cabinetry

- Count the cabinet doors**
Walk the kitchen, count every door including pantry, peninsula, island and wall units.
- Count the drawer fronts**
Each drawer face usually gets one piece of hardware (a pull or a cup pull).
- Note any false fronts under the sink**
These do not open but they need hardware to match the runs around them.
- Decide if any cabinets stay handle-free**
Some homeowners leave upper cabinets touch-latch and only put hardware on the lowers.

Step 2: Pick a style direction

- 1 Modern flat-panel?**
Lean toward bar pulls, edge pulls, or matte black knobs.
- 2 Transitional Shaker?**
Mix knobs on uppers with pulls on drawers. The most forgiving combo.
- 3 Traditional or classic?**
Cup pulls on drawers plus round knobs on doors. Aged bronze or polished nickel work well.
- 4 Vintage farmhouse?**
Unlacquered brass, cup pulls, and warm tones that develop a patina.

Step 3: Pick your finish

Match metals already in the room

Faucet, lighting, hood, and appliance handles. Two metals max for a polished look.

Test fingerprints on the showroom sample

Polished chrome shows water spots. Matte black hides most marks. Brass needs polishing.

Confirm finish under your home lighting

Warm bulbs turn nickel slightly yellow. Cool bulbs flatten brass. Borrow a sample.

Step 4: Size and placement

Drawer width sets the pull length

Doors under 18 inches: 3 to 4 inch pulls. Doors 18 to 24 inches: 5 to 6 inch pulls. Wider drawers: 8 to 12 inch.

Knob placement: 2.5 inches in from the corner

On the door corner closest to the opening side. Same vertical distance from the top or bottom edge.

Pull placement on drawers: centered horizontally

On door fronts: 2.5 to 3 inches up from the bottom edge for uppers, down from the top for lowers.

Step 5: Confirm your budget tier

1 **Builder grade**

About 3 to 6 dollars per piece. Big box and online warehouses. Fine for rentals.

2 **Mid range**

About 8 to 18 dollars per piece. Better finishes, solid feel, weight in the hand.

3 **Designer**

About 22 to 65 dollars per piece. Top Knobs, Atlas, Berenson. Heirloom quality.

4 **Custom or boutique**

65 dollars and up per piece. Unlacquered brass, hand-forged iron, gallery hardware.

Step 6: Final order checklist

Order 2 to 4 extra pieces beyond your count

Damaged boxes happen. Single replacements may be discontinued months later.

Confirm screw lengths match your door thickness

Standard is 1 inch. Thicker drawer fronts need 1.25 or 1.5 inch screws.

Check return policy on opened boxes

Save the brand name and model number

For matching replacements years down the road.

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