# Cabinet Finish Decision Sheet

A worksheet for choosing between matte and glossy kitchen cabinets

## Look at how your kitchen is actually used

1. **Count the hands that touch your cabinets daily**

   Kids, pets and a busy household change how much fingerprint and smudge visibility matters to you day to day.

2. **Notice the light in the room at different times**

   Stand in the kitchen in the morning and again in the evening. A finish that looks great under one light can read differently under the other.

3. **Think about your cleaning habits, honestly**

   A finish that needs frequent wiping only works well if wiping is actually part of your routine.

## Compare the two finishes in person

1. **Ask to see full size door samples, not swatches**

   Small samples can be misleading. A full door under your own lighting tells a truer story.

2. **Photograph both samples in your kitchen**

   Natural light changes how each finish reads. Compare the photos side by side later, not just in the moment.

3. **Ask about care instructions for the specific line**

   Cleaning guidance differs between manufacturers and product lines. Get the exact recommendation for the doors you are considering.

## Questions to bring to your consultation

1. **Can the two finishes be mixed in one kitchen**

   Ask how a matte and glossy combination would work with your layout and colour palette.

2. **What does a written quote look like for each option**

   Ask for a side by side quote so you can compare the finishes on the same terms.

3. **How does the finish hold up over time**

   Ask what changes to expect in the finish as the kitchen sees years of daily use.

**See both finishes under your own kitchen light before you decide.**

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