Fixture Finish Decision Checklist

Questions to work through with our design team before you commit to a finish

Questions About Your Household and Habits

1. **How often is this faucet used, and by how many people daily?**
   High-traffic kitchens show handling marks faster than a low-traffic powder room.
2. **Ask your municipal water utility for a general local water hardness reading**
   Harder water shows more visibly on darker, more matte finishes.
3. **Are you comfortable wiping down water spots or fingerprints more often, or would you rather minimize either?**
   This is the single most useful deciding question.

Comparing Matte Black and Brushed Brass

1. **Hold swatches of both finishes against your actual cabinet colour and countertop**
   Photos and screens shift colour rendering; see both in your own lighting.
2. **Ask about the manufacturer's finish technology and warranty for the specific fixture line you are considering**
   Durability varies more by product tier than by colour.
3. **Decide whether your room leans warmer or cooler overall**
   This usually points toward one finish more naturally than the other.

Mixing Finishes Without It Looking Accidental

1. **Pick one dominant finish for plumbing fixtures and faucets**
   This is the finish that should carry the room.
2. **Choose where a second finish adds a deliberate accent**
   Cabinet hardware, lighting, or a single towel bar are common choices.
3. **Avoid introducing a third metal tone unless your designer specifically recommends it**
   Two finishes read as intentional; three or more often reads as accidental.

Bring this list, along with a photo of your cabinet colour and countertop, to your design consultation.

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