

CenterLine Painting

Cabinet Refinishing: What to expect



Preparation

The process begins with disassembly, organization of hardware, labeling of doors and drawers for proper positioning and transport.

While painting the bases, all necessary surfaces will be protected with drop cloths, painters tape, brown paper, plastic, whatever that is needed.

To clean grease, dirt, etc. the cabinets we use Simple green, Dirtex, Dawn, or Krud Kutter. After cleaning, we also rinse off any potential cleaner residue.

Prep

The cabinet bases will be sanded, caulked and puttied as needed

All cabinet doors and drawers are sanded. The prep is extensive!

Elaborate taping is only done if you wish to have your cabinet frames sprayed for a like new finish.

If you choose to have the bases brush and rolled, tape and paper is minimal.

If new holes for cabinet hardware are required, we drill prior to the painting stages.

Shop Process

Once the doors are cleaned, the spraying process for the doors and drawers involves hanging each door upon a hanger to be sprayed in the spray shop. Just as with the bases, prior to the first coat and between coats we sand every surface to ensure adhesion and perfection of the coating. We hang the doors to dry in a separate area from the spraying, free from any or dust that can affect the coating. For each cabinet project, we go through great lengths to ensure perfection, since experience has shown that is the way to do the job. In the shop there is a ventilation system, temperature and humidity control, and a barrage of lighting to ensure the project is done with full integrity and safety. We guarantee “like new” results every time.



Our favorite sander for cabinetry!



Priming

We always do two coats of primer. We use Zinnser BIN, a solvent primer.

Odor evaporates after 20 minutes. It is the highest adhesion primer available on the market for refinishing. It also blocks wood tannins which unfortunately no waterborne primers are reliable in doing.



Finish coats

We do two finish coats when we brush and roll the frames. 3-5 coats when we spray. We only use products used by professional cabinet makers and are approved for that purpose. The average painter uses a trim paint from Sherwin Williams or Ben Moore.

We use pigmented polyurethanes and other specially formulated waterbased topcoats to achieve a like new, highly durable finish.

We do not use solvent topcoats like lacquers because they are explosive and are only appropriate to use in an explosion proof spray booth (most homes can't be suited that way for refinishing!!)

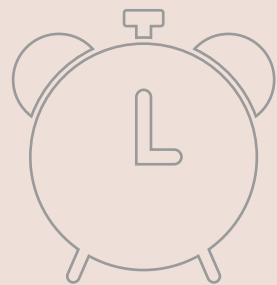


Timing

To brush and roll the frames, it usually takes 2-3 days on an average set

To spray the frames it usually takes 5 days. At least 3-4 days you will have restricted access to the kitchen. We often move the fridge out of the kitchen for easy access.

The doors on an average sized cabinet set take 10 business days to process in the shop. Smaller projects can be quicker. This makes the average time on your project around 3 weeks.



Doors drying



Wrapping up

After completing the doors and drawers at the shop and proper curing time, they will be transported while safely wrapped in Rosin or brown Paper, delivered, and then begins the installation to conclude the process.



Completion!

