

1 INTRODUCTION

It's time to update your old, outdated cabinets. Maybe you want a modern look, and you're considering installing new doors that are larger than your old ones. We've written this short overview to help you make a good decision about enlarging your cabinet doors.

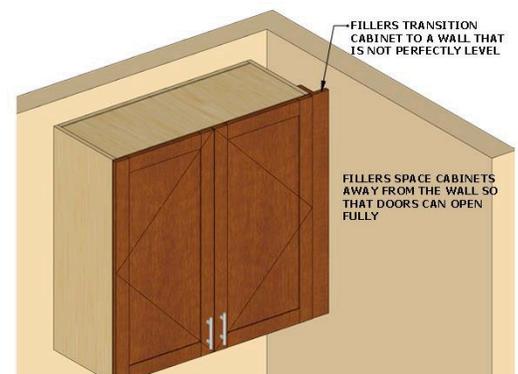
Cinch offers an excellent program that reduces the complexity and headaches associated with kitchen and bath makeovers. Our program works best when you stay with the sizes of the existing doors. When you enlarge door sizes, the update becomes far more complex. Before you decide to change door sizes, it's a good idea to weigh the challenges and complexities against the benefits.

Your kitchen was originally designed so that there are no collisions between your doors & drawer fronts, knobs & pulls, stove handle, dishwasher, or the cabinet trim. Enlarging doors and adding pulls reduces the clearances in your kitchen. Bigger doors and drawers may not open fully.

This document lists some common challenges encountered when enlarging doors and drawer fronts. If you enlarge your doors or add pulls where there were none before, you will need to examine the circumstances of each door and drawer to determine the specific part size and hinges required for each location. Generally, it's easier and less complicated to install new doors that are the same sizes as your old ones.

2 ISSUES IN ALL KITCHENS

1. Check the areas where the cabinets meet your walls. Is there enough room for your cabinet door to open fully if the door covers up more of the cabinet face frame? If space is tight, you may need to select a different hinge overlay and adjust the door size. For one-door cabinets, you may be able to change which side the hinges are on.
2. Check the trim and moldings you may have on the sides, bottoms, and tops of your cabinets. This trim may limit the size of the door.



2 ISSUES IN ALL KITCHENS (cont.)

3. Check your 2 door cabinets. Is there a center mullion (a piece of wood or frame running down the center like below)? If you want to enlarge the doors on a 2 door cabinet that has a center mullion, calculate the new door widths as follows: $\text{single door width} = [\text{Opening width} + (2 \times \text{hinge overlay}) - \text{width of center mullion to remain visible}] / 2$.
4. If you have a double door cabinet without a center mullion, allow 1/8" between the doors. This gap between doors can be reduced with hinge adjustments. The formula for a single door width is: $[\text{Opening width} + (2 \times \text{hinge overlay}) - 1/8"] / 2$.



3 ISSUES IN KITCHENS WITH CORNERS

Having cabinets in the corners of your kitchens adds another level of complexity. These corners were built for your existing cabinet door and drawer sizes. You need to ensure that if you enlarge these doors and drawers, and add pulls, everything can still open freely. Collisions can occur with other drawer fronts or hardware, dishwasher handles, and stoves. To ensure the drawer opens fully you can shrink the drawer front and/or mount it off-center on the drawer box.



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