

Measuring a Kitchen

Measuring Accurately to Plan Your New Kitchen

When measuring a kitchen you need to be meticulous in your measurements. Being off by even as little as a **cm** can cause real problems and frustration. Inaccurate measurements means you'll have problems on site!

TIP - Using graph paper will aid in making the sketch more accurate.

TIP - Be sure your metal tape measure is at least 5 metersx19mm or larger.

Here's what to measure:

Walls:

- Start in one corner, working from left to right around the room. Measure from left corner to right corner, if a wall has a window or door measure from the corner to the window/door, then the size of the window/door then the measurement to the right.
- Begin by measuring along the floor to get the exact length of each wall. Next measure the same direction about halfway up the wall. Walls are rarely square and can often be off by as much as an **cm** or two. You need to know the exact size of each wall, so measure each one at two/three points.
- If there is an object (eg tall units) measure from the left corner to object then measure the object & continue measuring to the right corner.

Doorways:

- Measure both the location of the doorway on the wall and the size of the doorway, including the trim. Starting in the left-hand corner for each measurement ensures accuracy; it's too easy to make a mistake on the location of the door in the wall.
- Start in the left-hand corner of any wall that has a doorway in it. Measure from the corner to the edge of the door trim. Next, measure the width of the door including the trim on both sides. If the wall happens to have more than one door, measure each door location separately starting at the left-hand corner. Don't forget to measure the height of the door (including trim), if storage above the doorway is required.

Windows:

- Start in the left-hand corner of the wall with a window and measure the distance from the wall corner to the edge of the window trim. Measure the window's width and height including all sides of trim. Finally, measure the distance from the floor to lower edge of the bottom piece of trim.

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Ceiling height:

- If your kitchen has a cornice (the molding against the ceiling), measure distance from the floor to the bottom of the cornice. Also measure from the floor to the ceiling. Measure any dropped ceilings, bulkheads or pillars. If you have a sloping ceiling measuring the lowest & highest points.

Pipes, vents, outlets, DB (distribution board) and switches:

- Accurately note the location of all electrical switches, plumbing points, and distribution board. Once again, start in the left-hand corner of the wall with each specific item in it. This time, however, measure to the center of the items including the outlets, plumbing points, etc.

Remember to check that you haven't missed any measurements.

Now that you have all of the dimensions you need, we can draw your new kitchen layout.

