

Cabinetry

Materials

Approximate costs for wall and base cabinetry can be obtained from lineal-foot measurements taken from the plans. These represent the length of the cabinetry as measured at its front edge. However, these figures are used only for general planning purposes.

A more accurate estimate must be made when the style and grade of cabinetry have been selected.

The precise costs for manufactured cabinets can be found on the manufacturer's current price lists. If higher-grade hardware will be used, make sure to include the additional cost. Site-built cabinets require a complete bill of materials with prices for each individual item, including hardware, glass, shelves, and any special trim.

Labor

The time required to install manufactured cabinets varies with the room layout and the cabinet type. An approximate labor cost can be determined by adding the times needed for installation and multiplying the total by the local hourly rate. The approximate times for installing various cabinets are listed in the table in the next column.

On remodeling jobs, be sure to include the cost of removing and disposing of the old cabinets. Sometimes the old cabinets can be reused in some other part of the house.

APPROXIMATE INSTALLATION TIMES FOR FACTORY-BUILT CABINETS	
Type of Cabinet	Time (hours)
Base cabinet containing one door and one drawer	½
Base cabinet containing two doors and two drawers	¾
Base corner cabinet	1
Broom closet	1
Drawer cabinet with four drawers	½
Oven cabinet	1¼
Sink cabinet	1½

APPROXIMATE INSTALLATION TIMES FOR FACTORY-BUILT CABINETS	
Type of Cabinet	Time (hours)
Wall cabinet with two doors (refrigerator cabinet)	½
Wall cabinet with two doors (standard height)	½
China case corner unit with 36" front	2
Bathroom vanity up to 84" long	2

Estimating on the Job

Refer to the L-shaped kitchen layout shown below. If the kitchen is 18' long and 12' wide, how many square feet of plastic laminate would be needed to cover the countertop excluding edges? Assume that the countertop is 2' wide.