



Kelco Cabinets Publishes Guide Examining Custom Kitchen Cabinets and Stock Construction

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Kelco Cabinets LLC has released a new guide comparing custom and prefabricated kitchen cabinetry, identifying full-height construction as the primary structural difference between the two categories. The analysis, published in late August, focuses on a distinction that homeowners frequently cannot detect while walking a showroom floor.

The guide, titled "How to Compare Kitchen Remodel Estimates Without Getting Burned," was written by Preston Kelsch and examines how custom and stock kitchen cabinets differ in ways that extend beyond finish and door style. According to the analysis, the most significant structural distinction lies in how far each type of cabinetry extends toward the ceiling.

The finding centers on vertical wall usage. Custom cabinetry is built to reach the full height of the wall, closing off the open space that standard stock cabinet lines typically leave exposed above their upper units. Stock lines are manufactured in fixed dimensions, and those dimensions rarely span the distance from counter to

ceiling in a given room. The result, the guide notes, is a gap that many homeowners do not notice until installation is complete.

"The difference between custom and stock cabinetry is not something most people can see when they are standing in a showroom," said Preston Kelsch, founder of Kelco Cabinets. "Stock cabinets are built to standard heights, so they leave open space above them in almost every kitchen. Full-height construction closes that space because the cabinetry is measured and built for the specific wall it will occupy."

The guide presents the comparison in neutral terms, outlining how installation speed, layout fit, and personalization vary between the two approaches. It notes that stock lines are produced in advance and installed quickly, while custom units are measured and constructed for a particular room. The analysis does not position one category as universally correct, instead describing the trade-offs that accompany each choice.

Kelsch noted that the guide was written to help homeowners understand what they are looking at when reviewing project bids. "When people compare kitchen remodel quotes, they are often comparing two different things without realizing it," he said. "One bid may reflect standard cabinetry and another may reflect full-height custom work. Understanding that structural difference makes the comparison more accurate."

The guide also addresses common questions about cost ranges, wood species, and door styles, and it includes an online tool that provides homeowners with an estimated cost range for a project. Kelco Cabinets in MO produced the guide as part of an ongoing effort to explain remodeling considerations in plain language.

Kelco Cabinets LLC is a custom cabinetry and remodeling company based in Springfield, Missouri. The company designs and builds custom kitchen cabinets, countertops, flooring, and backsplash installations for new construction and remodeling projects. It serves homeowners across Southwest Missouri, including Springfield, Bolivar, Willard, Ozark, Republic, Battlefield, Nixa, Branson, Stockton, Pleasant Hope, and Rogersville. The company focuses on cabinetry and remodeling work tailored to the dimensions and requirements of each individual space.

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