

# In Stock Today Cabinets Addresses Kitchen Layout Trends in NKBA 2027 Report

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In Stock Today Cabinets LLC, an authorized Fabuwood and FIBO distributor, has outlined how the layout and storage findings in the National Kitchen & Bath Association 2027 Kitchen Trends Report translate into cabinet planning for Northern Virginia homeowners and contractors preparing projects for the coming year. The response comes from the company?s Fairfax, Virginia, showroom following the report?s release on Oct. 14, 2026.

The NKBA report, based on an online survey of 830 NKBA community respondents in the United States and Canada, of whom 62% were designers, points to a move away from fully open floor plans toward zoned spaces. The percentages reflect the expectations of design and industry professionals, not measured homeowner purchases. According to the NKBA, 81% of respondents rate intentional zoning as here to stay, while 47% name back kitchens and dedicated prep spaces as up-and-coming. Semi-enclosed kitchens were cited by 46% and partially concealed kitchens by 41%. These kitchen layout trends reverse the NKBA?s 2026 report, which had identified open layouts as a trend still in its growth phase.

The findings place new demands on cabinetry. The NKBA reports that 85% agree cabinetry is being designed to conceal appliances and functional elements, and 64% agree open shelving is giving way to enclosed storage. Pantries are also expanding in role, with 88% agreeing they are becoming multifunctional extensions of the kitchen, 73% expecting dedicated small-appliance stations and 67% expecting walk-in pantries. Beverage areas were named as popular over the next three years by 90%, up from 85% in the 2026 report.

At kitchen cabinet wholesaler IST Cabinets Fairfax, Emin Halac, president of In Stock Today Cabinets, said the trends reflect kitchens that depend on more cabinetry in more places. ?The report describes homes where storage moves behind doors and dedicated zones handle specific tasks,? Halac said. ?When a kitchen is planned around pantries, beverage areas and concealed appliances, the cabinet layout becomes the structure that holds those zones together.?

Lighting figures into the shift as well. The NKBA report found that 87% expect under-cabinet lighting and 76% expect interior-cabinet lighting to be popular over the next three years. At the same time, 52% expect kitchen footprints to grow, down from 76% in the 2026 report. The NKBA reports that square footage is being reallocated into defined zones, back kitchens and enclosed storage.

The planning questions arrive alongside a measured national outlook. The Harvard Joint Center for Housing Studies, in its Leading Indicator of Remodeling Activity released on Oct. 22, 2026, projects that annual homeowner spending on improvements and repairs will remain relatively flat through late 2027, with year-over-year growth slowing to 1.5% by the third quarter of 2027. The two sets of data stand as separate indicators of the environment facing homeowners weighing where cabinet dollars go.

Halac added that showroom designers walk visitors through these considerations. ?Free design consultations give homeowners and contractors a way to test layout ideas before committing,? he said.

In Stock Today Cabinets supplies Fabuwood kitchen cabinets in assembled and ready-to-assemble formats, with lines including Allure, Quest and Value Premium, along with its own IST Designer Collection. The company serves Fairfax County and Northern Virginia homeowners, contractors, dealers and builders, and maintains showrooms in Virginia, Maryland, Delaware and Texas.

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