10 Questions to Ask Your Cabinet Door Supplier

And Why You Should Ask Each Question

☐ ## What sandpaper grit do you use for cabinet doors?
The final sandpaper grit (coarseness) used affects how the wood takes stained finishes. If the final grit is over 220, the stain may not soak into the wood as well.

☐ ## Do you have a standard outside profile option?
Most suppliers have a standard outside profile option that applies if you do not specify an outside profile.

☐ ## Do you break all sharp edges?
Some cabinet door manufacturers break the sharp edges on their cabinet doors as standard; others do not.

☐ ## What is your standard cabinet door thickness?
Most cabinet door suppliers make their doors 3/4" thick, but double-check anyway; the door thickness can affect which hinges you need to use.

☐ ## What is your standard stile and rail width?
Most cabinet door manufacturers have a standard stile and rail width; anything other than that standard width may cost more money.

☐ ## What is your standard panel grain direction?
This question applies specifically to drawer fronts. Some cabinet door suppliers put vertical grain panels in drawer fronts; others use horizontal grain panels.

☐ ## Do you have a standard wood type or grade?
The answer to the first part of this question may be no - but ask it anyway. Follow up by asking what finishes the supplier recommends for their standard wood grade.

☐ ## Do your cabinet doors come pre-drilled for hinges?
If yes, follow up by asking what hinge type they drill for, the standard hinge location, and how many hinges they recommend per door.

☐ ## What is your standard finish sheen?
This question matters if you are ordering prefinished cabinet doors to match existing doors or need to produce additional components that match.

☐ ## Do you look after shipping the cabinet doors?
Last but not least! If the answer is no, ask if you can pick up your cabinet doors or how to arrange shipping. If the answer is yes, ask about estimated shipping costs, their preferred carriers, and their packaging methods.

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