

**PAINT,
REFACE
OR
REPLACE?**

HELPFUL GUIDE FROM
WICHITA'S KITCHEN &
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PAINT THEM?

It's the easiest of the 3 options to DIY, but it takes patience and an eye for detail. Repainting the front of cabinets is the most cost-effective, but timely way to give your cabinets a new look.

When is this a good option?

- Your cabinetry is in good shape
- You like your current cabinet layout
- Cost is more important than quality

Things to know:

- Doesn't work well on laminate or thermofoil cabinets
- Won't address issues of damaged, warped or sticky doors
- Won't resolve unlevel surfaces
- Without the factory's baked-on finish, cabinets may chip and will not clean easily

REFACE THEM?

Refacing is the newest option for refreshing the look of your kitchen or bath. While it provides a cheaper alternative than full replacement, it doesn't resolve a variety of common problems with aging cabinets.

When is this a good option?

- The entire cabinetry is in good shape
- You like the layout
- All cabinets & countertops are level

Things to know:

- This is not an easy thing to DIY
- Few companies provide this service
- Won't address any issues of damaged, warped, or sticky doors
- Costs can run \$7000+ and is often as much (or more) than new cabinets

REPLACE THEM?

Replacing cabinets results in the largest impact in both design and layout. While it may be more expensive, it provides more options and a more dramatic cabinet remodel than anything else.

When is this a good option?

- Drawers are sticky or warping
- You want to change your layout
- You want to change the look or material of your countertops
- Cabinets or countertops aren't level

Things to know:

- This is the biggest investment in improving your home and its value. Kitchen remodels can result in a 75% return on investment.