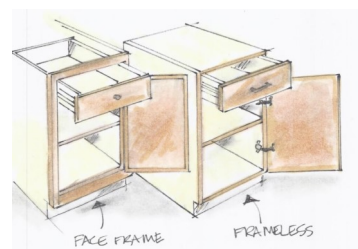


FRAMED OR FRAMELESS...WHICH CABINET BOX TYPE DO YOU PREFER

Basic Cabinet Box Types:

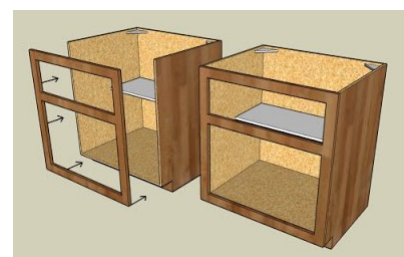
- Frame Faced Cabinets
- Frameless or Euro Style Cabinets

There are two basic cabinet box types, framed and frameless. Framed cabinets are the cabinets used by most builders and are what most people have in their homes. Frameless or Euro style cabinets are used in modern designed kitchens or where a clean, continuous look is desired. Below are the two types described in detail.



Framed Cabinets

Frame faced cabinets have a cabinet box which is constructed of various materials. Some have plywood sides and backs, others have engineered wood sides and backs while some have engineered wood sides with a fiberboard back with structural rails. The floor and ceiling of the box are either plywood or engineered wood. Glue and some fasteners are typically used to hold the boxes together. The materials used and the thickness of the material for the cabinet box have a lot to do with the quality of the box construction. Your cabinet installer can give you the exact specifications for the cabinets they use and give you more information about the cabinet lines they install.



The face frame of the cabinet is typically 1.5" wide and sometimes up to 2" in width. The frame is made of hardwood and is assembled with tongue and groove joints and screws. Doors for framed boxes with either have full overlay or standard overlay. Full overlay will show 1/4" of the frame while standard overlay will show 1" of the frame. Again, your cabinet installer can show you the differences and guide you in your decision.

Frameless Cabinets

Frameless cabinets are just as they sound, cabinet boxes with no face frame. Similar to frame faced boxes, they can have plywood sides and backs, engineered wood sides and backs or engineered wood sides with fiberboard backs with structural rails. They do not have a face frame so they can be installed with minimal gaps between the cabinet boxes. These type of cabinets are also called Euro Cabinets. The boxes are held together with tongue and groove or dowel joinery, glue and fasteners. Again, your cabinet installer can give you the exact specifications that they use.



Some high end frameless cabinets such as Poggenpohl offer a large range of customization. If a modern look is what you want, they are a cabinet line that should be investigated so that you can see the possibilities of this cabinet style.

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