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A HOMEOWNER'S GUIDE

Cabinet *Refinishing*

What to expect when we refinish your kitchen, from the first floor covering to the last handle.

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Photos in this guide are representative examples of cabinet refinishing.

A NOTE FROM ISAAC

Your kitchen, in careful hands.

The kitchen is the room most families live in, so handing it to a crew for a week is a real decision. This guide walks through what we do while we're in your home, in the order we do it, so nothing about the week comes as a surprise.

Good cabinet work is mostly preparation and patience. Much of what you'll read here can't be seen in a finished door, and it is the reason that door still looks right after years of daily use.

If anything here raises a question, call us. We're glad to talk it through.

Isaac Mumma

OWNER, WHITE OAK PAINTING

AT A GLANCE

5–8 days	$7,000–$12,000	Four coats	Spray room
Typical length of a kitchen project	Typical investment for a kitchen	Two of primer and two of topcoat, each with a catalyst hardener	Doors and drawer faces are finished off site, in our isolated room

PART ONE

Protecting your home

The first day is about your house. Everything on this page is in place before any primer is opened.

01

Floors are covered

We protect your floors before any other work begins, and that protection stays down until the last day.

02

Appliances come out

We remove the refrigerator, microwave and oven so we can paint every surface of your cabinets, including the sides that normally sit hidden.

03

The kitchen is contained

We build plastic walls around the kitchen. The work stays in one room and the rest of your home stays clean.

04

The air is filtered

An air filter system runs inside the contained kitchen to keep paint fumes out of your home.

05

Hardware is bagged and labeled

Every hinge, pull and screw is removed, bagged and labeled, so each piece returns to the place it came from.

06

Doors and drawer faces leave

We remove all doors and drawer faces and bring them to our spray room, where they are finished away from your home.

PART TWO

The finish, step by step

Every door, drawer face and cabinet body goes through the same five steps, in this order.

1	**Degrease** CLEAN	Kitchens carry years of cooking oils that no coating will bond to. We degrease every surface first.
2	**Alcohol clean** CLEAN AGAIN	A second cleaning with alcohol lifts any residue the degreaser leaves behind.
3	**Sand** PREPARE	We sand each surface so the primer has something to grip.
4	**Prime** TWO COATS	Two coats of Centurion 1111 primer, mixed with a 2K catalyst hardener for durability.
5	**Topcoat** TWO COATS	Two coats of Centurion 2800 topcoat, also mixed with a catalyst hardener. This is the color and sheen you chose.

Why the hardener matters

A catalyst hardener cures the coating chemically instead of leaving it to air-dry alone. The finish comes out harder, built for the hands, dishes and cleaning a kitchen sees every day.

PART THREE

Two places, one process

Your doors and your cabinet bodies are finished in different places and held to the same standard.

IN OUR SPRAY ROOM

Doors and drawer faces

Each door and drawer face is finished in our isolated spray room, an uncontaminated space kept apart from dust and foot traffic. That isolation is what allows a smooth, even finish.

- Removed and labeled at your home
- Cleaned, sanded, primed and topcoated
- Returned once the finish is ready to hang

IN YOUR KITCHEN

Cabinet bodies

We mask all cabinet openings with tape and plastic, then take the cabinet bodies through the same process the doors receive, inside the contained kitchen.

- Openings masked with tape and plastic
- Degreased, alcohol cleaned and sanded
- Two coats of primer, two coats of topcoat

The products and the number of coats are identical in both places, so your doors and frames match.

INSIDE THE WORK

What the week looks like



FLOORS AND COUNTERS COVERED, KITCHEN CONTAINED



CABINET OPENINGS MASKED



PLASTIC WALLS IN PLACE



DOORS RESTING BETWEEN COATS

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PART FOUR

Hardware and the final day

Keeping your hardware

Back where it belongs

Because everything was bagged and labeled on day one, each hinge and pull returns to its original door or drawer.

Changing your hardware

Filled, finished, installed

If your new hardware uses different hole locations, we fill the old holes before priming. We install the new hardware for you as well.

We leave you with a beautiful new kitchen, without the cost of a remodel.

HOW TO PREPARE

A few things that help us on day one

- ☐ Clear your countertops before we arrive.
- ☐ Plan for 5 to 8 days without regular use of the kitchen.
- ☐ If you'd like new hardware, choose it before we start so we can fill and drill for it.
- ☐ Tell us about any countertop or flooring work planned around the same time.

THE RESULT

Finished kitchens













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WHERE WE WORK

Close to home

We're based in Burlington and refinish cabinets for homeowners across southeast Iowa.

Burlington	Mount Pleasant	Danville	Mediapolis	Fort Madison
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INVESTMENT AND TIMELINE

What most kitchens come to

TYPICAL INVESTMENT

$7,000–$12,000

Each kitchen is measured and quoted on its own.

TYPICAL TIMELINE

5–8 days

From floor protection to hardware going back on.

What shapes the number

The count of doors and drawer faces, an island or other built-ins, the condition of the existing finish, and whether hardware holes need to be filled and moved.

How to get yours

We visit, look at your cabinets and talk through color and hardware. You receive a written proposal for your kitchen before anything is scheduled.

COMMON QUESTIONS

Before you ask

How long will my kitchen be out of use?

Most projects take 5 to 8 days. The kitchen stays contained in plastic for that time.

What does cabinet refinishing cost?

Most kitchens fall between $7,000 and $12,000, depending on size, condition and hardware changes.

Do you paint the doors in my house?

No. All doors and drawer faces go to our isolated spray room. Only the cabinet bodies are finished in your kitchen.

Will my home smell like paint?

The kitchen is sealed behind plastic walls and an air filter system runs inside it to keep fumes out of the rest of the house.

Can I change my hardware?

Yes. We fill the old holes when the new hardware sits in a different place, and we install the new pieces for you.

Why do the appliances have to move?

With the refrigerator, microwave and oven out, we can paint every cabinet surface, including the ones behind and beside them.

Can any cabinet be refinished?

Wood, MDF and laminate each behave differently. We look at yours during the visit and tell you plainly what to expect.

How do I care for the new finish?

We go over care with you on the final day, including how to treat the cabinets while the finish reaches full hardness.

When you're ready, we'll come take a look.

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