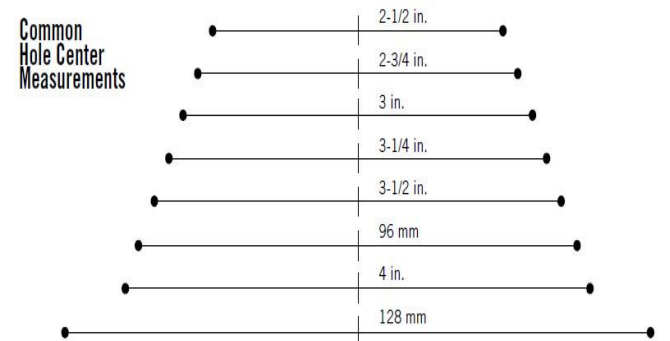


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How to Choose the Right Hardware Size

Choosing the right hardware size requires a balance of function and style. Sacrifice one for the other, and you probably won't be happy. You'll be frustrated every time you try to pull open a drawer, or you'll be disappointed whenever you walk into the room. Narrow down the wide selection by determining which size best opens and closes your cabinets, drawers or appliances. From that group you can pick hardware that best reflects your taste.



Getting the Right Hand Fit

You want hardware that looks great and works well. But you also need pulls and knobs that fit your hands. If yours are particularly large or small, select pieces that you can wrap a hand around comfortably. Size is also a concern if your hand strength and dexterity are hampered by arthritis or another condition. As you choose hardware, pay close attention to the distance from the cabinet surface to where you'll be gripping the hardware. A piece that's too small to fit your hand makes opening and closing difficult. In addition, if your hand continually touches the cabinet finish, it'll start to wear off.

Picking Hardware for Existing Cabinets

When replacing hardware on cabinets and drawers, people often choose to use existing holes — if not, you'll want to fill and finish unused ones. To switch out hardware, it's a matter of determining the right size.

- ✓ Find the correct size for a pull by measuring from the center of one hole to the center of the other. When hardware is sold, the center-to-center (cc) measurement is typically shown in inches or millimeters. Common cc measurements are 3 inches, 4 inches, 96 millimeters and 128 millimeters. If your measurement is in one unit and you need the other, use a handy online conversion tool.
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Doors with special decorative accents, rounded edges, raised panels or five-panel construction affect your hardware options. Hardware needs to be flush to the surface. For instance, if a standard 3-inch pull won't fit properly, try a slightly smaller or larger size.

These guidelines will steer you in the right direction for hardware size, but they're not hard and fast rules. For cabinets that'll make you happy, you should also listen to your own preferences.

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