

Types of Cabinet Finishes

Type	Description	Durability	Moisture Resistance	Heat Resistance	Cost
Stain	Enhances the natural beauty of wood by adding color while allowing the grain to show through	★★★	★★★	★★★	\$\$
Glaze	Translucent coating applied over a base finish to add depth, highlight details, and create an antique appearance	★★★	★★★	★★★	\$\$\$
Natural	Minimal alterations to preserve wood's natural color and grain	★★★	★★	★★	\$\$\$\$
Paint	Provides a colored, opaque finish	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★	\$\$
Varnish	Clear finish that enhances wood while providing durability and resistance to wear	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★	\$\$\$
Distressed	Intentional wear and age makes for a vintage and rustic aesthetic	★★★	★★	★★	\$\$\$
Waterborne	Uses water as the primary solvent, reducing environmental impact	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★	\$\$\$
Laminate	Cost-effective finish using synthetic materials	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★	\$\$
Thermofoil	Achieved by wrapping a layer of vinyl onto a substrate for a smooth and seamless appearance	★★★	★★★★★	★★★	\$\$
Melamine	Resin-coated surface resistant to scratches, stains, and moisture	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★	\$
Wood Veneer	Real wood applied as a thin layer onto a substrate	★★★	★★★	★★	\$\$\$\$
Lacquer	High-gloss finish offering a sleek and modern look	★★★	★★★	★★	\$\$\$\$
Two-Tone	Cabinets featuring two distinct colors or finishes	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a