MDF vs. Plywood Cabinets Guide



MDF Cabinets

Engineered wood cabinets made from wood fibers and resin

Plywood Cabinets

Engineered wood cabinets made from thin layers of wood veneer glued together

Average price: \$1,500-\$5,000 for cabinets



Average price: \$2,500-\$8,000 for cabinets

Smooth surface, no visible grain



Visible wood grain

Prone to moisture damage, less structurally sound



More resistant to moisture, stronger, and more stable

Easy to cut, shape, and paint, but doesn't anchor screws well



May be more difficult to install

Recycles sawdust and wood shavings



Doesn't cause as much deforestation as natural wood products

