

SPRAY IT LIKE NEW

How We Refinish Your Kitchen Cabinets

A practical, step-by-step guide to the preparation, finishing and reinstallation behind a smooth, durable cabinet transformation.

TYPICAL PROJECT WINDOW

7-10 days

The core process is five working days. The broader schedule allows for kitchen size, two-tone finishes, humidity, temperature and the condition of the existing surface.

What happens

Doors, drawer fronts and removable pieces are labelled and finished at the company's spray shop. Cabinet boxes are prepared and coated in the home using the application method that best suits the wood, layout and detail.

How to prepare

- Empty cabinets behind glass doors.
- Clear all open shelves.
- Move items back at least 10 cm from the front edge inside cabinets.

941+ kitchen cabinet refinishes completed	Since 1984 cabinet and furniture experience	2 years warranty against peeling
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Label, remove and transport

Doors, drawer fronts, hardware and other removable pieces are carefully identified before removal. The parts are loaded for controlled transport to the professional 12 × 30 ft spray booth, helping each piece return to its proper position.

At the house

Cabinet parts are organized and removed with the reinstallation in mind.

At the shop

Removable parts move into a dedicated, reasonably climate-controlled spray environment.

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Degrease by hand

Each surface is manually cleaned with a natural degreaser to remove cooking residue and contamination. This is a critical bonding step: a finish can only perform as well as the surface beneath it.

Why it matters

Grease and food residue can work into grain and interfere with adhesion.

Product compatibility

The cleaning system is selected to work with the shellac-based primer that follows.

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Sand, repair the surface and seal

The existing finish is sanded with a 180-grit dust-extraction system. Raised areas, cracking, flaking and visible blemishes are feathered smooth, then the surface receives at least two coats of shellac-based primer/sealer.

Dust control

A Festool sander and HEPA-filter vacuum are used for the sanding stage.

Sealing role

The primer supports adhesion and helps block wood tannins and old oil-based stains.

The method adapts to the kitchen

Wood species, grain, cabinetry design and access determine whether areas are sprayed or finished with specialized hand tools. The self-levelling coating is used to avoid visible roller or brush marks.

- Gemini Evo Eclipse built for "1K simplicity, 2K performance"

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Fine-sand, coat and cure

A 320-grit cushioned sanding step creates a smooth base. The prepared surfaces then receive two to three coats of Gemini Evo Eclipse cross-linking urethane, followed by a clear coating containing aluminum oxide.

Finish system

A one-component coating is applied without adding an isocyanate hardener in the home.

Built for movement

The finish retains flexibility as solid wood responds to seasonal temperature and humidity.

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Deliver, reinstall and clean up

Finished doors and drawer fronts return to the home for reinstallation. Hardware is refitted, felt pads are added and the work area is cleaned. A touch-up bottle is left for future accidental damage.

Timing and comfort

- The in-home portion is typically about 2.5 days.
- Low-VOC primer and topcoat have a mild odour that dissipates quickly.
- HEPA filtration is available where sensitivity to airborne particles is a concern.
- The finish is touch-dry quickly, but it should be treated gently while full curing continues.

Confirm surface suitability

Thermofoil, latex paint over an older lacquer finish and some other existing coatings may not be suitable for recoating. Spray It Like New does not strip latex paint, thermofoil or vinyl coatings, so the current finish should be assessed before the project is booked.

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