Cabinet Layout Measure Guide

We've created this guide to help you measure your space for your new cabinets. Of course, if you have any questions we happy to help you out! Just give us a call at 910.363.0112 or email info@50lakescabinetdesign.com.

Step 1: Draw the Diagram
Draw an outline of the room showing all the walls that will have cabinets. Include any major structural features or obstacles that will affect where cabinets can be installed (plumbing, electrical, HVAC, etc).

Step 2: Add the Details
Beginning at the top left corner of your diagram, label and number your windows and doors (Window 1, Window 2, Door 1, Door 2, etc) and indicate which direction the doors swing. Also label, next to each wall, what is adjacent to it (bath, living room, outside, etc).

Step 3: Measure
Exact measurements are needed (using a metal tape measure) to ensure a proper cabinet layout and fit. Focus on getting accurate measurements rather than on drawing to scale or making it pretty.

When recording your wall and opening measurements round down to the nearest 1/8" and record in inches (not feet and inches).

When recording measurements for appliances, round up to the nearest inch.

Ceiling Height
Measure and note the ceiling height and any existing soffits. It is a good idea, especially in older homes, to measure ceiling heights in a couple different locations as ceiling heights can vary by a few inches even in the same room.

Wall Lengths
Measure and note all wall lengths.

Windows and Doors:
  - Measure from wall to outside edge of the trim
  - Record the following:
    - width, including trim
    - height, including trim
    - distance from floor to bottom of window trim

Plumbing
Measure and note the location of the Plumbing Center. Mark location of hot and cold supply, drain, and clean-out.

Electrical and HVAC
Measure and note the height of outlets from floor to bottom of outlets/switches. Also measure and note location and size of HVAC registers and returns (floor, ceiling, wall, etc).

Cooking appliances
Note the location of the cooking appliances - stove, wall oven, microwave, range hood (indicate vented or non-vented).

Refrigeration
Note the location of water supply for ice maker, and drains.

Obstructions
Measure any obstructions that will not be moving (pipes, radiators, chases, chimneys, posts, etc). If close to a wall measure out from the wall to the obstruction. Also measure height of the obstruction if it is not full height (to the ceiling).

Islands and Peninsulas
Note the location of existing islands or peninsulas, marking the size and location on your sheet.
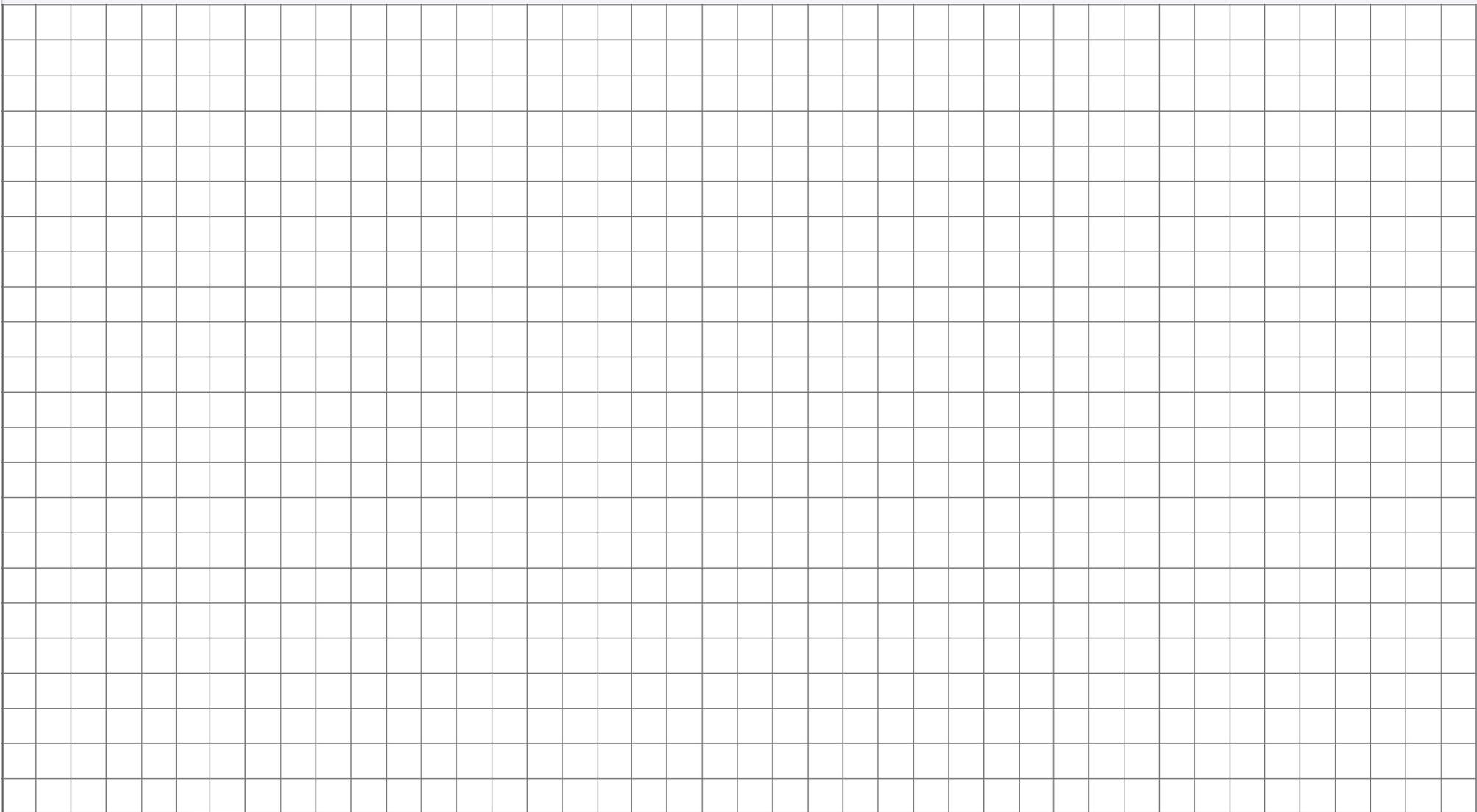
Note: the total of your wall measurements should equal the total wall length. Once you have measured the space, double check the measurements to ensure an accurate floor plan and design.
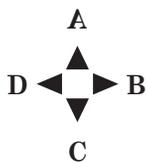
Step 4: Shoot some pictures
Take a picture of each wall in the room and label them to match the walls on your drawing (ABCD might be the easiest). This will help your designer get an idea of the space and if there are any questions they have or items that need to be addressed.

When complete, email your drawing and images to jackie@50lakescabinetdesign.com and we'll get started on your design.

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Wall Location (for naming photos)

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Reminder: Record All Measurements in Inches and Measure Doors and Windows outside trim to outside trim.

Ceiling Height: _____

Soffit: Yes No

Soffit Height: _____

Soffit Depth: _____

Window 1
  Height: _____ Width: _____ AFF: _____

Window 2
  Height: _____ Width: _____ AFF: _____

Window 3
  Height: _____ Width: _____ AFF: _____

AFF:
Distance from
Finished Floor
to bottom of
Window Trim

Door 1
  Height: _____ Width: _____

Door 2
  Height: _____ Width: _____

Door 3
  Height: _____ Width: _____