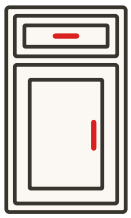
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How to test a cabinet sample at home

A sample shows you what a screen can't, but only if you look at it the right way. The same door can look different standing at cabinet height, next to your countertop, and under your kitchen lights at night. Give each one these six tests over a couple of days, score it on the back, and the right door usually becomes clear.



The six tests

Score each one on the back of this sheet.

01 Stand it up

Hold it upright where the cabinets will go, at cabinet height. Doors are seen standing up, and a sample lying flat on the counter catches the light differently.

02 Morning, afternoon and night

Look at it in daylight at least twice, then again after dark with your kitchen lights on. Write down what changes.

03 Next to what's staying

Set it next to your countertop, floor, backsplash, wall paint and appliances. If you're still picking a countertop, get a sample of that too and test them together.

04 Try it with your hardware

Hold your knob or pull against it, or a photo of one on your phone. Brass, black and nickel each change how the same door looks.

05 Step back

Up close you see the finish and the door profile. From across the room you see the color the way you'll live with it every day.

06 Live with it

Leave your samples out for 2 or 3 days. The one you keep walking back to is usually the one.

Know your bulbs

2700K 3000K 4000K 5000K+

Warm white (2700K to 3000K): whites look creamier and wood tones look warmer.

Cool white (4000K and up): whites and grays look crisper, sometimes a little blue.

The K number is printed on the bulb's box or base. Test under the bulbs you'll have in the new kitchen if you know them.

Which way does your kitchen face?

North	Cooler, softer light all day. Colors can look a little darker.
South	Warm, bright light for most of the day.
East	Warm in the morning, cooler after noon.
West	Cooler in the morning, warm in the evening.

Block out the old wall

Tape a sheet of white paper behind the sample so your current wall color doesn't throw it off.

Compare side by side

Set your samples next to each other. Judging one at a time is how close colors get mixed up.

Take a photo each time

Same spot, same angle. Swipe through them later and your favorite is usually easier to spot.

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Your sample scorecard

Write in up to 3 samples. Circle a score from 1 (not for me) to 5 (love it) for each test, then add them up.

	SAMPLE 1	SAMPLE 2	SAMPLE 3
01 Upright, at cabinet height	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5
02 Morning light	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5
02 Afternoon light	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5
02 Night, kitchen lights on	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5
03 Next to the countertop	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5
03 Next to the floor	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5
04 With your hardware	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5
05 From across the room	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5
06 Still love it on day 3	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5
Total (out of 45)			
Gut check	☐ Yes ☐ Maybe ☐ No	☐ Yes ☐ Maybe ☐ No	☐ Yes ☐ Maybe ☐ No

NOTES, SAMPLE 1

NOTES, SAMPLE 2

NOTES, SAMPLE 3

Picked your door? Here's what's next

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