

Showplace Cabinetry Installation Tips:

Your Showplace dealer offers professional installation of your cabinetry. Should you choose to do it yourself instead, here are some pointers to keep in mind:

• **Getting ready:** Have a good plan handy of what goes where before you begin. Empty all existing cabinets, and remove any delicate or valuable items from the work area. Make sure you know how you will get everything in and out of the work area, including cleanup afterwards. Take care to protect flooring and walls while working.

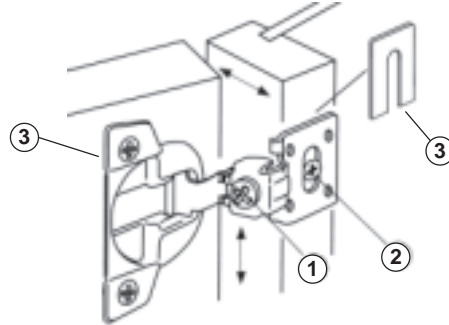
Even in the best-built homes, walls are rarely straight, floors are seldom level, and corners are never a perfect 90 degrees. Use a level to locate the highest point on the floor, and mark this on the wall.

• **Starting the installation:** Take an inventory of the entire cabinetry order to make sure you have everything at hand before beginning. Remove all doors and drawers from cabinets before starting work. Locate and mark all wall studs in areas that cabinets will attach.

Start installing base cabinets at the high point of the floor you previously marked. Shim out the remaining cabinets in the low areas of the floor to keep them level and square. A cabinet placed on an uneven surface will eventually conform to that surface, “racking” itself out of square. Use shims to prevent this.

Never use nails. Use wood screws of the appropriate size for all work except moldings and onlays. Always attach cabinets to each other through the frames. Never penetrate side panels.

• **Adjusting doors:** Door hinges have a limited degree of adjustment. Screw 1 allows side adjustment, screw 2 allows height adjustment. Spacers (3) can be inserted under the hinge to adjust the door to align squarely with the cabinet.



• **Fine tuning:** Remember that wood is a naturally porous material, and will absorb and release moisture as humidity and temperature change. Because wood is never perfectly uniform in its internal grain structure, this process may induce dimensional changes.

Cabinets need time to “acclimate” to their new setting. Allow at least one change of seasons to fully pass before determining if doors are warped. Use hinge adjustments and spacers to adjust for minor warping if necessary.

If a door appears warped, first determine if the cabinet face is true. Use a level on each side of the face frame of the cabinet. Improper installation can rack a cabinet out of square, making it impossible to fit a door properly. If the racked cabinet cannot be removed and reinstalled with shims, use hinge spacers to improve the fit of the door.



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