CABINET PAINTING GUIDE

Create beautiful effects that transform your living space with simple solutions for any cabinet project.

KELLY-MOORE PAINTS
HOW TO PAINT NEW CABINETS

Step 1: Mask & Protect
Whether you intend to spray or brush, it is always best to cover anything you don’t intend to paint with tape, plastic, paper, and/or drop cloths.

Step 2: Disassemble
Remove all doors and drawers, door hinges, and drawer slides making sure everything is labeled so you will remember how to put it back. Although the hinges will all look the same, many times each hinge is individually adjusted for a proper fit.

Step 3: Sand & Dust
With 150-180 grit sand paper, lightly scuff-sand the entire surface to promote adhesion and remove any blemishes in the woodwork. Using a dust brush and a clean dry microfiber cloth, dust everything to be painted. A second pass with a new cloth will help remove small dust particles that could affect adhesion or leave the finish gritty.

Step 4: Prime
Use Kelly-Moore Kel-Bond Quick Sand to prime the entire surface. When darker colors are desired, the primer can be tinted with up to two ounces of black colorant to help the top coat cover in fewer coats. Allow primer to fully dry.

Step 5: Sand & Dust (again...)
Repeat step three using 220-320 grit sandpaper to create an extremely smooth finish being careful not to over-sand down to the bare wood.

Step 6: Paint & Recoat
Now that the cabinets have been properly prepared, you can begin painting. The doors should be painted horizontally on a flat surface one side at a time waiting until each coat is completely dry before painting the opposite side. This will allow the paint to self-level as it dries to create an extremely smooth finish and help prevent unsightly runs. See the TDS for the paint product you are using for recommended recoat times and remember that lower temperatures and higher humidity will increase recoat times.

Step 7: Reassemble & Enjoy
When the cabinets have fully dried and have had time to cure, gently reassemble and replace the doors, drawers, and other hardware. Now is the time to step back and enjoy! Make sure you take lots of pictures to post on social media using hashtags like #kellymoore and #awesomecabinets!

* See the appropriate product Technical Data Sheet for all safety, preparation, and application information.
HOW TO REPAINT CABINETS

Step 1: Mask & Protect
Whether you intend to spray or brush, it is always best to cover anything you don’t intend to paint with tape, plastic, paper, and/or drop cloths.

Step 2: Disassemble
Remove all doors and drawers, door hinges, drawer slides, door knobs, and handles making sure everything is labeled so you will remember how to put it back. Although the hinges will all look the same, many times each hinge is individually adjusted for a proper fit.

Step 3: Clean
With a microfiber cloth and a cleaner such as liquid TSP or Krud Kutter, remove all dirt and grease from the surfaces to be painted. A second rinse of water will ensure that no cleaner or dirty residue is left behind. Wipe dry with a clean, dry microfiber cloth.

Step 4: Sand & Dust
With 150-180 grit sand paper, lightly scuff-sand the entire surface to promote adhesion. Using a dust brush and a clean and dry microfiber cloth, dust everything to be painted. A second pass with a new cloth will help remove small dust particles that could affect adhesion or leave the finish gritty.

Step 5: Prime
If you are repainting cabinets with the same type of paint previously used, you can skip this step. Otherwise, use Kelly-Moore Kel-Bond Adhesion Plus to prime the entire surface. When darker colors are desired, the primer can be tinted with up to two ounces of black colorant to help the top coat cover in fewer coats. Allow primer to fully dry.

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## RECOMMENDED PRIMERS

### Kel-Bond Quick Sand - New Cabinets

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<td>Fast-drying primer designed for interior surfaces where a smooth finish and uniform topcoat are required. It sands with minimal effort and can be used on most unpainted interior substrates.</td>
<td>Wood&lt;br&gt;Composite&lt;br&gt;Drywall&lt;br&gt;Masonry</td>
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### Kel-Bond Hybrid - New & Previously Painted Cabinets

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<td>Premium quality interior and exterior waterborne alkyd primer for use on new or previously painted wood, composite, drywall, and ferrous metal surfaces. Designed to block stains, promote adhesion, and sand easily.</td>
<td>Wood&lt;br&gt;Composite&lt;br&gt;Drywall&lt;br&gt;Ferrous Metal</td>
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### Kel-Bond Adhesion Plus - Interior/Exterior

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<td>High performance, interior and exterior bonding primer that provides maximum adhesion to hard, dense, and glossy surfaces. The easy to apply formula also sands to a smooth finish with minimal effort.</td>
<td>Wood &amp; Composite&lt;br&gt;Aluminum &amp; Galvanized&lt;br&gt;Fiberglass &amp; Tile&lt;br&gt;Cabinets &amp; Doors&lt;br&gt;Hard to Stick Surfaces&lt;br&gt;Previously Painted Surfaces</td>
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## RECOMMENDED FINISHES

### DuraPoxy HP

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<td>High Performance one-component waterborne acrylic urethane enamels designed for use in architectural and light industrial applications where a fast drying, durable finish is desired.</td>
<td>Cabinets&lt;br&gt;Entry Doors&lt;br&gt;Furniture&lt;br&gt;Hand Rails&lt;br&gt;DTM Applications</td>
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### Epic Finishes

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<td>Super-premium waterborne urethane-alkyd enamels designed for use on trim and accent areas where a smooth, self-leveling and durable finish is desired.</td>
<td>Doors &amp; Moldings&lt;br&gt;Railings&lt;br&gt;Fine Finish&lt;br&gt;Light Industrial</td>
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* See the product’s Technical Data Sheet for full preparation and application instructions. Kelly-Moore also offers a variety of lacquer and conversion varnish options that may be more appropriate for some projects. Ask a local Kelly-Moore representative for more information.