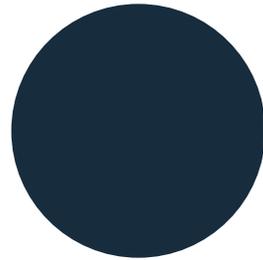


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When your new kitchen cabinets are in place, your flooring is laid, and your countertops are perfect, it's time to install the new kitchen appliances. Your refrigerator, stove, microwave, and dishwasher can be easy do-it-yourself projects if you approach the installation with the right mindset.

### Remember the Basics

Before you get started installing an appliance, remember these tips:



#### Plan for the Space

Choose your appliances before you begin your kitchen remodel to ensure figuring in the required space. Double-check the dimensions of the appliance you want, then add an inch or two on each side. Clearly mark the space with masking tape as you work to avoid accidentally getting a cabinet too close.



#### Read the Manual

Before you install your appliances, read all manuals from front to back. Not only do most manuals provide a step-by-step guide to installation, they also offer tips and tricks unique to your particular appliance.



#### Grab All Necessary Tools

The manual should also offer a list of recommended tools for your installation. Gather each tool before you begin the installation process.

# Installation Tips

Now that you have the tools and knowledge you need, it is time to get started!



## Microwave

- A combination range and stovetop can be very easy to install — simply level the unit and plug it in.
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## Refrigerator

- The difficulty of refrigerator installation may vary depending upon the bells and whistles of your particular model.
- A simple refrigerator can be installed by simply leveling and plugging in the unit.
- If your refrigerator includes an icemaker or other element that requires a water line, installation can be much more involved.



## Dishwasher

- The dishwasher might be the most difficult of your new appliances to install.
- It requires both knowledge of plumbing and electrical work, and seating the dishwasher into the space allotted for it can be a tricky job.
- Give yourself plenty of time to take care of this one.



## Get help if you need it.

If you are uncertain about installation for any of your kitchen appliances, talk to your local home improvement store, call the manufacturer's help line, or speak with a kitchen remodeling contractor for more tips.