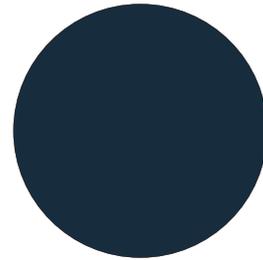


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Once your countertops are installed, your new kitchen sink is ready to go into the pre-cut opening. Installation of your kitchen sink requires a few tools, a basic knowledge of plumbing and the right amount of patience.

### Follow This Step-by-Step Guide

Installing your kitchen sink can be completed in an hour, perhaps less, depending upon the complexity of the sink you have chosen. Here are the basics to installation:



1

Begin by testing your sink to ensure it fits in the hole meant to hold it. Make sure the sink sits level. Also check the water lines to make sure they are long enough to reach the sink.



2

Attach the strainer assembly with plumber's putty. Tighten the drain nut and the tailpipe.



3

Install the faucet, handles and valves. Since installation instructions for each faucet can vary, follow the manufacturer's instructions for every step of the process.



4

Set the sink into the pre-cut opening. A self-rimming sink will have clamps that need to be tightened. If not, caulking around the sink will be required. Set the sink accordingly.



5

Go under the sink and attach the water lines. If the sink has a very deep basin or reaching the faucet from underneath is difficult, you can do this step before setting the sink. Remember to match up the hot water line to the proper handle.



6

Unblock the drain stub and glue on a threaded adapter. Screw on the sink trap and other required plumbing underneath the sink. Use plenty of plumber's putty to ensure a good fit.



7

Attach the water supply lines to the shut-off valves. If you are going to attach a dishwasher, be sure to use a double-headed shut-off valve.



8

Run water down the drain to engage the trap and prevent sewer gases from escaping. Check for any leaks or loose connections.





Let the sink rest for as long as necessary to let the plumber's putty "cure." This could be anywhere from a few hours to a few days, depending on the materials you have used.



After installation, check periodically to make sure the lines are tight and the caulking or clamps are staying put.



If you need help, get help.

Installation of your kitchen sink is usually a straight-forward job, but sometimes you can run into a snag. If you have trouble with your project, call a kitchen remodeling contractor to help you complete the job.

