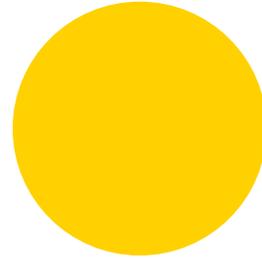


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## Specialty Cabinet Guide

# Specialty cabinets: solutions for bathroom storage

What are the goals of your bathroom remodeling project?

If you're like many people, updating the fixtures and giving the room a much needed face-lift may be the primary objectives. Whether these are your reasons or you have something else in mind, why not seize the opportunity to add a little organization to what can be a very cluttered room. A little bit of space in the vanity cabinet and a few shelves for towels usually don't provide near enough storage for one of the busiest rooms in your home. However, installing a few specialty cabinets during your renovation shouldn't require any costly framing changes and can add plenty of room for all your bathroom essentials. At the very least, you'll be able to hide the clutter behind closed doors.



## Bathroom specialty cabinets

What exactly is a bathroom specialty cabinet? There are kitchen cabinets designed for specific purposes such as to hold a microwave or to serve as a pantry and the same principle holds true for your bathroom. Many cabinet manufacturers offer bathroom accessory cabinets designed for a specific function in the same finishes and wood species as their vanities. The specialty cabinets can be used to provide additional storage space and to complement the room's decor. Here are three types you might want to consider for your bathroom renovation project:

1. **Toilet cabinets.** This unique cabinet provides storage without taking up any of your valuable bathroom floor space. The unit is normally mounted on the wall above the toilet, but if there's not enough room it can also be installed in an adjacent location. Toilet cabinet widths are about the same as a standard toilet tank and heights can vary depending on manufacturer and style. Most designs have one or more open shelves at the bottom of the cabinet and additional storage above that's hidden behind cabinet doors.



2. **Linen cabinets.** If walking out into the hall to get clean towels is getting old, this may be just the specialty cabinet for you. Linen cabinets are available in numerous styles and configurations, but most are designed to sit on the bathroom floor. The cabinets normally range from 72 to 78 inches tall so they can provide plenty of storage space that's accessed by two or more front mounted doors. Most linen cabinets are the same depth as a standard vanity cabinet to allow adjacent installation if so desired. Manufacturers offer these specialty cabinets in several standard widths and if you never want to run out of clean towels, install two cabinets together to create a linen closet.

3. **Hamper cabinets.** If it seems as if you're spending half of every day picking family members' dirty clothes off the bathroom floor, make it easy on yourself by installing a hamper cabinet during your renovation. These versatile specialty cabinets can be purchased with a built-in clothes hamper that tilts or slides out for easy access. It's also possible to buy the hamper and sliding tracks as an accessory that can be installed in many standard bathroom door cabinets. Who knows? If you make it convenient enough, your family might actually use the hamper.

These are just a few of the storage solutions that can be added during a bathroom remodeling project. Talk to a design professional or your remodeling contractor to find out what other options are available for putting an end to the clutter.

