

5-Foot Hallway Butler Pantry

Map your exact measurements to build a beautiful, functional pass-through.

Transforming a narrow corridor requires precision to ensure smooth traffic flow. Use this sheet to plan your custom clearances and cabinetry setup.

● Key Pantry Dimensions

15 in

Wall cabinet depth used as lowers

24 in

Standard base depth to strictly avoid

4.5 in

Custom plywood plinth for the base

1 in

Counter overhang to preserve the walkway

12 in

Upper depth and linen drawer glides

Hide the Outlets

Position a continuous plug mold under the front edge of the upper cabinets. Have a professional wire it on a dedicated 20-amp circuit for high-draw espresso machines.



● Building Shallow Lowers

- 1 Construct the base** Build a custom plywood plinth to elevate the cabinets to standard counter height.
- 2 Secure the boxes** Anchor the wall cabinets directly into the hallway studs for maximum structural rigidity.
- 3 Add the counter** Install your countertop with a minimal overhang to protect doors while preserving space.

● Clearances By Hallway Width

Find your row: **Total Wall-to-Wall Width**

Total Wall-to-Wall Width	Your pick	Why
60 inches	44-inch clear walkway	Allows deepest possible cabinet boxes
54 inches	38-inch clear walkway	Leaves comfortable dinner party passing room
48 inches	36-inch clear walkway	Minimum required to meet building codes

● Site Checks Before Starting

- Measure your hallway width in multiple spots to find the narrowest point.
- Verify the height of your dining essentials for custom linen-drawer sizing.
- Check that chosen cabinet hardware pulls are low-profile to avoid snagging clothing.
- Have an electrician verify the dedicated circuit for your beverage station.

● Design & Finishing Ideas

- ☐ Line upper backs with antiqued mirror to double visual depth.
- ☐ Pair deep navy cabinets with a rich walnut countertop.
- ☐ Use natural white oak and fluted glass for airy corridors.
- ☐ Choose glossy subway tile and polished nickel for timeless appeal.
- ☐ Swap uppers for reclaimed wood shelves above a charcoal base.

● Project Notes & Measurements

Enjoy your beautifully organized, space-saving new butler pantry!