

Designer White Paint & Hardware Guide

Lock in flawless finishes and precise hardware proportions for your custom kitchen.

Avoid stark, sterile spaces with these meticulously tested designer metrics. Match your warm white paint and brass hardware perfectly to your unique architectural elements.

● Key Designer Metrics

LRV 85

warm white for airy, inviting brightness

20%

sheen finish for protective daily wipeability

3/32 in

reveal gap for flush inset shaker

1/3 drawer width

scale for balanced oversized brass pulls

max 90

LRV limit to avoid sterile glare

Compare against pure white

Always compare your chosen paint swatch against a pure white sheet of paper to reveal hidden yellow or green undertones before matching it to fixed architectural elements.



● The flawless finish process

- 1 Seal the raw wood** Apply a premium high-build, stain-blocking shellac primer to prevent wood grain from telegraphing through.
- 2 Protect high-traffic zones** Add a clear, non-yellowing topcoat around the sink and trash for an invisible water shield.
- 3 Integrate task lighting** Have a professional install continuous LED tape light under uppers for a warm, even glow.
- 4 Maintain living finishes** Use a simple polishing compound on unlacquered brass to restore gleam or let it patina naturally.

● Hardware placement by cabinet type

Find your row: **Her cabinet type**

Her cabinet type	Your pick	Why
Upper cabinet doors	Classic round knobs	Establishes intuitive functional rhythm
Lower heavy drawers	Elongated pulls	Maintains proper visual balance
Paneled refrigerators	Heavy-duty thick pulls	Matches substantial visual weight

● Crucial checks before drilling

- Measure the total width of the drawer face accurately.
- Map out the swing radius of corner cabinets and heavy appliances.
- Check projection clearance to ensure hardware won't catch on your hips.
- View painted swatches directly against your specific countertop slabs.
- Observe large sample boards vertically in natural light over a weekend.
- Check glide packaging for the correct weight rating for heavy drawers.

● Project notes & measurements

Enjoy creating a beautifully balanced, timeless kitchen that truly feels like home!