

How To Measure

Step 1

Draw a rough outline of your kitchen using the symbols shown above in the drawing for doors and windows.

**Note: For doorway with doors, draw the doorway according to which way the door swings.

Step 2

Draw in any obstructions such as radiators, pipes, sink plumbing, etc. that cannot or you do not want to move.

Step 3

- A. Beginning at the top left corner of your drawing measure to the first window, door or wall. Continue clockwise around the room until each wall, window and door has been measured.

Note: When measuring doors & windows the trim is considered part of the door or window, measure from the outside of the trim on one side to the outside of the trim on the other side.

- B. Measure the ceiling height and write it on the center of your drawing. Sometimes, especially with older homes, it is a good idea to take measurements in a few different areas of the kitchen to determine ceiling heights, even in the same room, sometimes heights can vary as much as a few inches.
- C. Measure from the floor to the bottom of each window trim and also measure the overall window height.

Step 4

- A. Beginning at the top left of your drawing, label the windows "Window #1", "Window #2" etc. In a clockwise order.
- B. Again, beginning at the top left of your drawing, label the doors "Door #1", "Door #2", etc. In a clockwise order.
- C. Next to each wall, write the name of the adjacent room. If the wall is an "Outside Wall" label it as such.

Step 5

- A. Measure any obstructions such as radiators, pipes, etc. that you either can't or do not want to move. If the obstruction is close to a wall, measure out from the wall to the edge of the obstruction and include that dimension in your drawing.
- B. Measure from the second closest wall to the edge of the obstruction and include that dimension in your drawing.
- C. If the obstruction does not span the full height of the room, measure the height of the obstruction and include that dimension in your drawing.

Step 6

Check Your Measurements

If your room is rectangular add up the measurements of the parallel walls and make sure they match (or are at least close). For example, in our sample drawing, you would take the overall measurements of the top wall and add them together. Then do the same with the bottom wall. Once you have added each walls measurements check the totals to see that they match.

Top Wall: $24'' + 42'' + 12'' + 42'' + 12'' = 156''$

Bottom Wall: $12'' + 40'' + 104'' = 156''$

Left Wall: $21'' + 42'' + 52'' = 115''$

Right Wall: $18'' + 97'' = 115''$

Window #1 ___ ht ___ width ___" from floor

Door #1 ___ width ___ hinge left ___ hinge right

Window #2 ___ ht ___ width ___" from floor

Door #2 ___ width ___ hinge left ___ hinge right

Window #3 ___ ht ___ width ___" from floor

Ceiling Height: _____"

Refrigerator: ___ ht ___ width ___ depth

Note: If you are remodeling do not include current cabinetry or other furniture that will not be kept, such as kitchen tables, in your measurements. All of your measurements should be in inches. For example, if you measure a wall that is 10 feet, write it as 120" (a quotation mark (") denotes inches).

