

HINTS AND TIPS.

IT IS EASY TO FIT NEW DOORS AND DRAWER FRONTS. THE STYLISH DOORS WAY

Doors. Open the door and measure from the back. There is usually a bevel on the front so you won't get a true reading. Measure from top to bottom and side to side in millimetres. Note these down - door by door, then measure again.

Old carpenters saying "*Measure twice, cut once*".

Drawer fronts. Measure down the side and along the top. That's the measuring done.

Hinge holes. The best part of this job is, if you get your measurements right with this one, everything else is a doddle. Measure from the top of the door to the centre of the hinge hole. Do the same from the bottom of the door up to the centre of the bottom hinge. Note these down door by door. In most cases all doors will have the same measurements.

Now when you get your new doors all you have to do is to remove your old doors and replace them with the new doors. To do this, unscrew the old door from the hinge, now if you have measured correctly, the new door will sit into the existing hinge hole. Always use new screws when doing this. Put the hinge on to the new door, mark the screw holes with a sharp pencil, take the door off and use a bradawl (sharp point) to dig in to get your screws started. Put the doors back onto the hinges and screw your new screws into the mark you have made through the hinge.

The hinges are usually a standard BLUM type, we can supply these. There is some adjustment on these so, if you are slightly out, you can move them either side to side or up and down until your doors look right and fit correctly.

Drawers. Drawer fronts are probably the hardest to renew. But, if you pull the whole drawer out, mark the outline of the old front as it is fitted to the drawer onto the back of the old drawer front exactly. Now copy this from the old drawer front onto the back of the new one. Be careful if you have a rout (pattern) in the new drawer front i.e. a shallower cut out, that the screws you attach the new front to the drawer box is clear of this and does not pierce the vinyl. With the new fronts there is no cut out for the drawers base to go in to. Just cut off the base bit that slots in. Fix the drawer front and then screw a support to the new front to stop the base sagging. Get rid of those plastic drawer boxes. Get new ones made from MDF by your local carpentry shop. Using the screw holes left in the drawer box screw the new one on. With new drawer boxes we think the answer is to take the box itself to your local carpentry shop and get them made there in MDF. A lot cheaper because they will be made to size and no delivery charges.

Plinths. With these it is just as easy to fit over the old plinth using a strong glue.

Pelmets and Cornice. These can be difficult as they need to be mitred. The best way to do this is to carefully remove your old pelmet/cornice. Put it alongside your new ones and copy the mitre. If the mitre is not exact when it goes back, use a bit of carpenters filler, the same colour as your items, and gently fill where it is not right.

Handles. These can be put wherever you think they should be. But measure the holes you have drilled for the first one and copy exactly onto every other door and drawer. We sincerely hope this helps.

Any problems call us on **020 7609 6321** and we will assist you as best we can.