

Kitchen Solutions Kent - Measuring Guide

Step 1

Make a sketch of your room on a large sheet of paper – this doesn't have to be a work of art, and it doesn't need to be to scale. All you need to show is the shape of the room.

Tip
Stand in the centre of your room and imagine it as an empty box.
Don't draw in existing cabinets or appliances – but do include any alcoves. Is your room an 'L' shape, a square, or a simple rectangle? Something else?

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Step 2

Now take measurements of the room, in imperial or metric, and transfer them to your sketch as shown below. It's best to use a steel tape measure, and make sure you measure into every corner. (If you can, get a friend or partner to help you with this step.)

Don't forget, walls aren't always perfect squares – measure them at the top, middle and bottom.
If your walls are being replastered or retilled, make sure you tell your MFI consultant.

Step 3

Now measure your windows, doors and serving hatches, including any frames. (You might want to do this on a separate piece of paper.) Show the position of these on your sketch, indicating the distance from each wall and from the floor.

Tip
Don't forget to include the frames in your measurements. You want your cabinets to fit *through* the frames, rather than cover them!

Step 4

Now measure your ceiling in several places to ensure it's level, and add these figures to your notes.

Tip
Does your ceiling have any special features?
Measure all the dimensions of any slopes or bits that 'jut out', as shown below. If in doubt, measure it!
Add if you have ceiling beams or moldings, your MFI consultant also needs to know.

Step 5

If you are thinking of keeping any of your old appliances or other items, don't forget to measure all three dimensions – height, width and depth. Note this separately.

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Step 6

Note on the sketch the approximate location of any sockets: cooker, phone, electric, TV, and so on. Also note where the light switches are.

Tip
Switches and sockets can be moved – talk to your MFI consultant for more information.

Step 7

Next make a note of any boilers, gas and electricity meters on your sketch, and then show measurements to include height, width, depth and location.

Tip
Do you have the instruction booklet for your boiler? If you do, take it along to your design appointment.

Step 8

If there is a radiator in the room, show its position on the plan with measurements.

Tip
Don't forget to note how far the radiator is from the wall.

Step 9

Is your main stopcock in the room? If so, show its position on the sketch. We also need to know about any other supply taps, such as gas.

Tip
For bathrooms: We also need to know the position of the waste pipe for your toilet.

Step 10

By now, your plan should look something like the example below.

Tip
Our last tip is to go back and double-check your measurements.

the window
1.2m inc. frame