

# Creating a Kitchen Island

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## QUESTION


I would like to create a kitchen island in my plan. How can I accomplish this in Home Designer?



## ANSWER


Cabinets can be placed and customized to produce a wide variety of kitchen island configurations, including one that meets your needs.

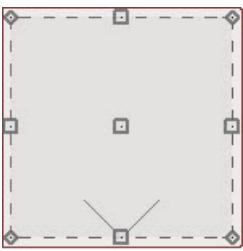
## To create a kitchen island



1. Select **Build> Cabinet> Base Cabinet**  and click in your plan to place a single base cabinet.
2. Continue placing cabinets until you have the right number of cabinets that will make up your island. Keep in mind that you can always add additional cabinets later, or delete extra cabinets, if necessary.

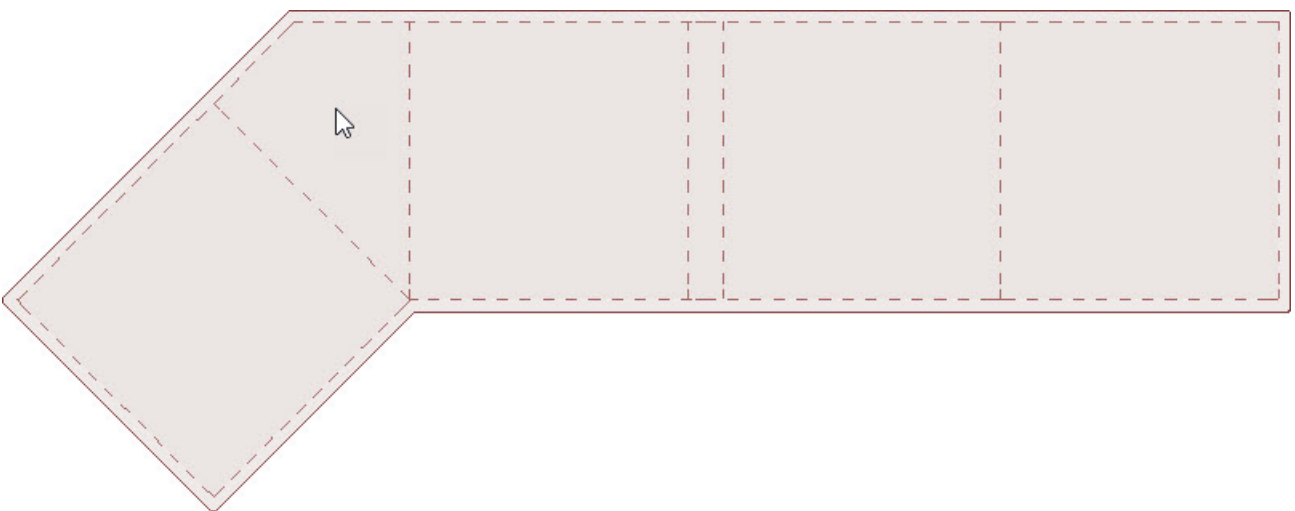
Once you have placed the cabinets in your plan, you can now select them to edit them.

## To edit cabinets

1. Using the **Select Objects**  tool, select a cabinet and notice the edit handles that display for editing the cabinet in our 2D floor plan view.





2. Click on the triangular **Rotate**  edit handle, and rotate a cabinet, and then use its middle square **Move**  edit handle to drag the cabinet into place.
3. Notice that if you place a base cabinet, and then select it and rotate it, the program will automatically fill in the space between the two cabinets.

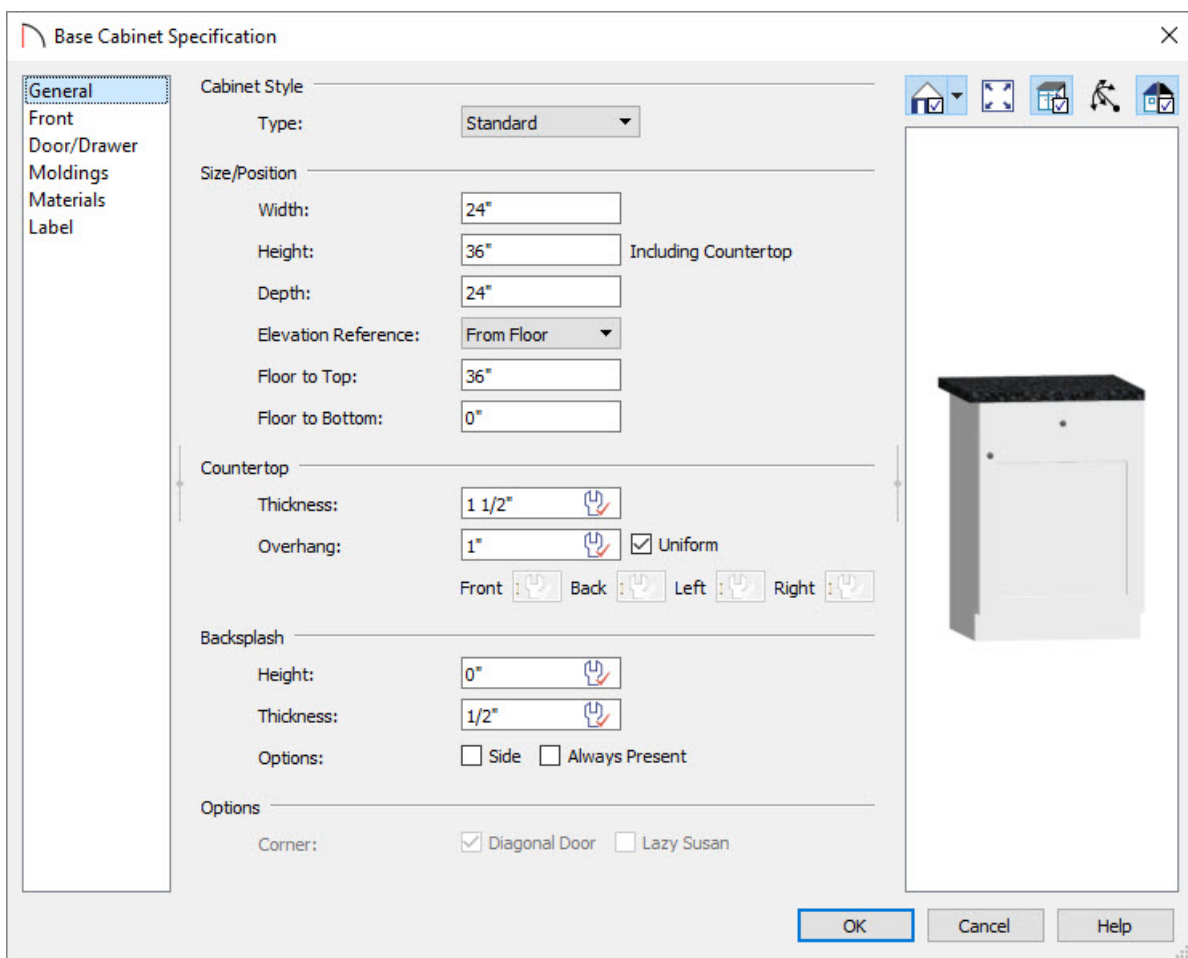


If you're experiencing difficulty precisely positioning your cabinets, hold down the Control key on your keyboard to allow for unrestricted movement while you fine tune the adjustment of the cabinets.

4. Use the square Resize edit handles to change the size of your cabinet, or you can adjust this later on the **GENERAL** panel of the **Base Cabinet Specification** dialog.

To create a bank of drawers

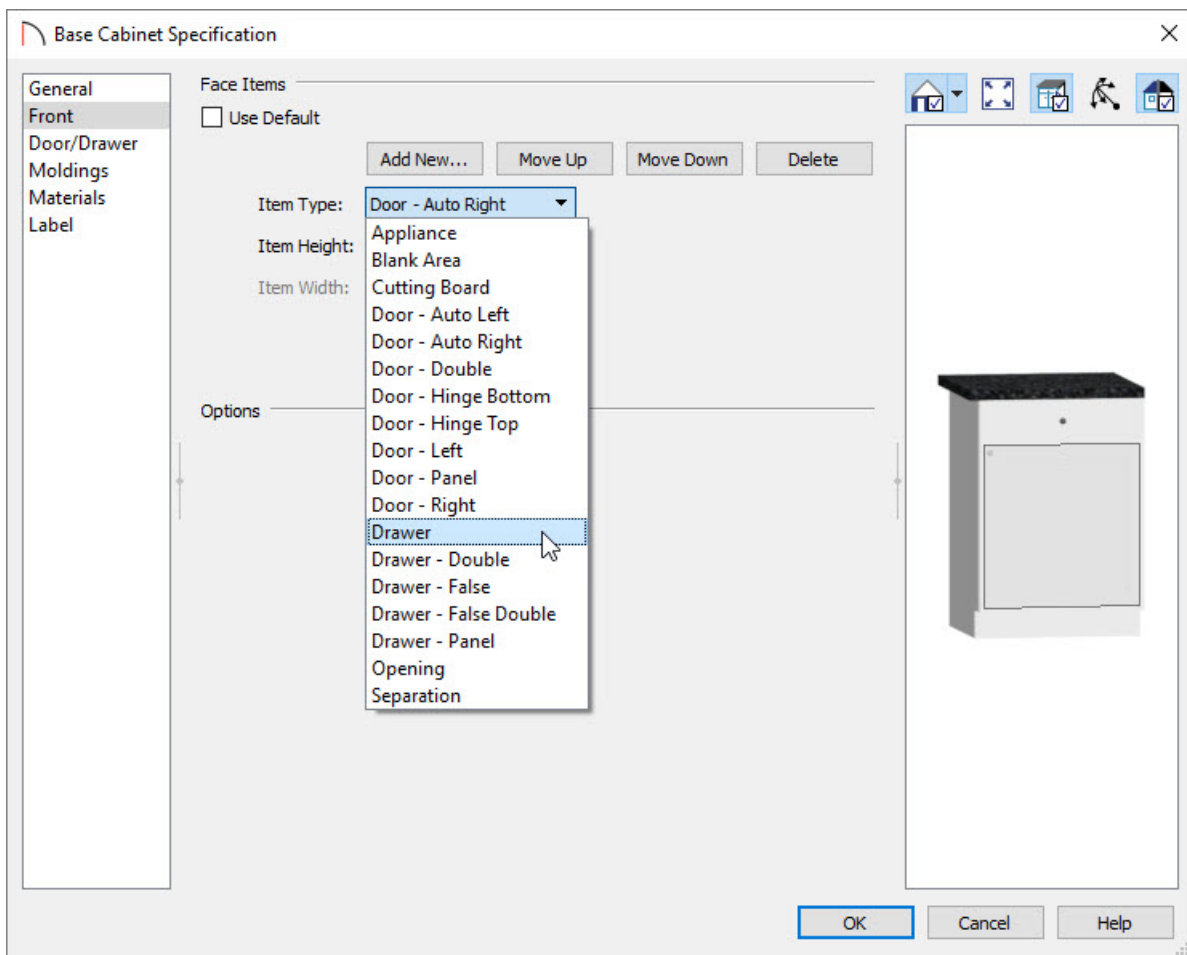
1. Use the **Select Objects**  tool to select a cabinet, and then click on the **Open Object**  edit button.
2. On the **GENERAL** panel, notice that you can change the cabinet's **Width** and **Depth** values, in addition to using its edit handles as mentioned above.



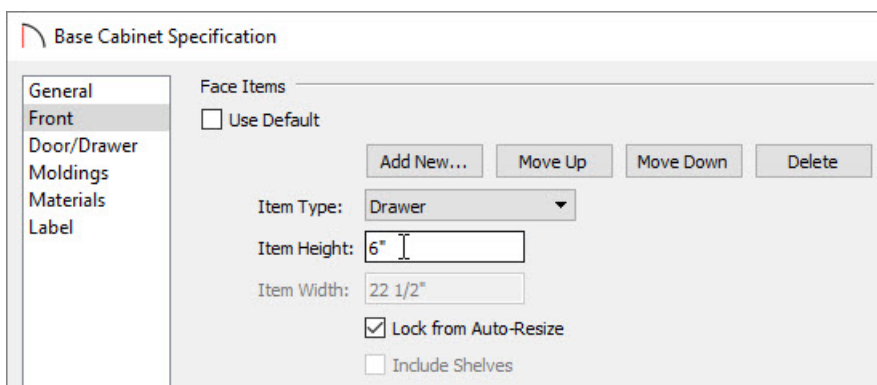
Depending on your version of the software, you can also adjust its **Height** and features such as the **Countertop** and **Backsplash**.\*

*\*Not all features are available in all versions of the software. Images of dialog boxes shown in this article are using Home Designer Suite.*

3. On the preview of the cabinet that displays on the right side of the dialog, click on the door to highlight it, which will take you to the **FRONT** panel of the **Base Cabinet Specification** dialog.



4. Now, change the **Item Height** to **6"**.





5. Select the **Add New** button and in the **New Cabinet Face Item** dialog, choose the **Drawer** option within the **Item Type** drop-down and specify the **Item Height** to be **6"**, to create another 6" high drawer.

6. Repeat this process once more to create a bank of four drawers, then click **OK**.

Next, create a 9" wide cabinet with an opening and no shelves.

To create an opening with no shelves



1. Use the **Select Objects**  tool to select the cabinet that you want to modify, then click the **Open Object** 

edit button.

2. On the **GENERAL** panel, specify a **Width** of **9"**.
3. Then, click on the drawer in the preview to return to the **FRONT** panel and **Delete** the existing selected drawer.
4. Next, select the remaining **Door** and use the **Item Type** drop-down menu to change it into an **Opening**.

You also have the ability to change the shape of our cabinets. In this example, change a base cabinet to a Radius End cabinet.

To create a special shaped cabinet

1. As with the cabinet we customized previously, this cabinet has a single **Opening**, but **Include Shelves** is left checked.
2. To change your cabinet to a radius end, use the **Select Objects**  tool to select the cabinet that you want to edit, then click the **Open Object**  edit button.
3. On the **GENERAL** section, click the **Type** drop-down menu to choose the cabinet shape that you want.

In this example, **Right Radius End** is selected.

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To change the cabinet materials

There are several ways to change the materials on the cabinets in your plan. Using the **MATERIALS** panel of the **Base Cabinet Specification** dialog, using the Material Painter, and using the dynamic defaults.

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