



YOUR GUIDE TO: DIY SHAKER CABINETS

TIME

Varies

SKILL LEVEL

Intermediate

BUDGET

< \$100

MATERIALS

Existing cabinet doors

Orbital sander

Sandpaper of varying grit

Plywood (cut to strips)

Miter saw or chop saw

Wood glue

Nail gun and nails

Woodfill (you need A LOT)

Putty knife

All-purpose, paintable caulk

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Sand your existing cabinet doors until they're smooth. Start with a low grit sandpaper and work your way up to 120 or 150 grit.

2. Cut your plywood down to size. Cut into strips at whatever width you want your trim to be. Then using your miter saw, cut down to length to fit along the face of your existing cabinets.

3. Sand off any rough edges on your strips of plywood.

4. Using wood glue, glue your trim in place. Then secure in place with a nail gun.

Tip: Line up the cabinet edge and the trim edge against another piece of plywood to make sure the two edges are in line.

5. If your original cabinets have a beveled edge, woodfill any space between the trim and the original cabinet edge to make it look seamless.

6. Woodfill any nail holes and all of the seams where the plywood trim pieces meet.

7. After letting the woodfill cure for at least 24 hours, resand all of the edges and the faces of the cabinets with a high grit sandpaper.

8. Caulk all four inside edges where the trim meets the face of the cabinet with an all-purpose, paintable caulk.

9. After the caulk has dried, you're ready to prime and paint!