

Simple Fridge Cabinet with Panel

Increase kitchen storage while reducing the exposure of your bulky refrigerator with this cabinet-and-panel project.

Construction notes:

- Measurements will be based on your individual kitchen and refrigerator size, so there are no specific dimensions listed in this article.
- The wall-side cabinet stile overhangs the cabinet side by 3/4 in. to allow for a wall cleat.
- The outside edge of the outside cabinet stile is flush with the outside face of the cabinet side.
- The end panel stile is 2-1/4-in. wide. Two filler cleats are attached between the end panel and outside cabinet side.



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Measure the distance from floor to ceiling next to your refrigerator. In your project design, remember to incorporate a 1/4 in. of open space near the ceiling so there is room to tilt the cabinetry into position once it is assembled in your kitchen.



Measure the depth and width of your refrigerator. For a custom look, the width of your floor-to-ceiling panel should be equal to the depth of your refrigerator, not including the doors. Plan for about a 1/4 in. of open space around your refrigerator.

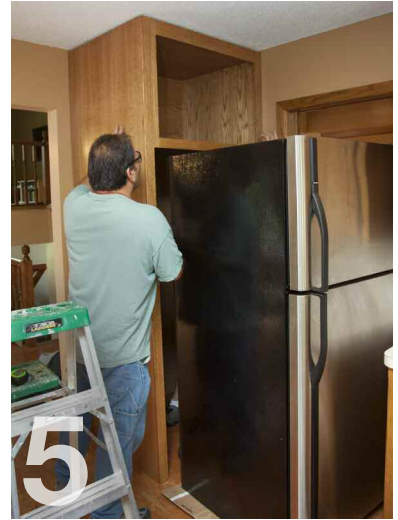




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Build the cabinet and end panel separately in your shop according to your measurements. Then, in the kitchen, fasten the outside cabinet stile to the end panel stile.

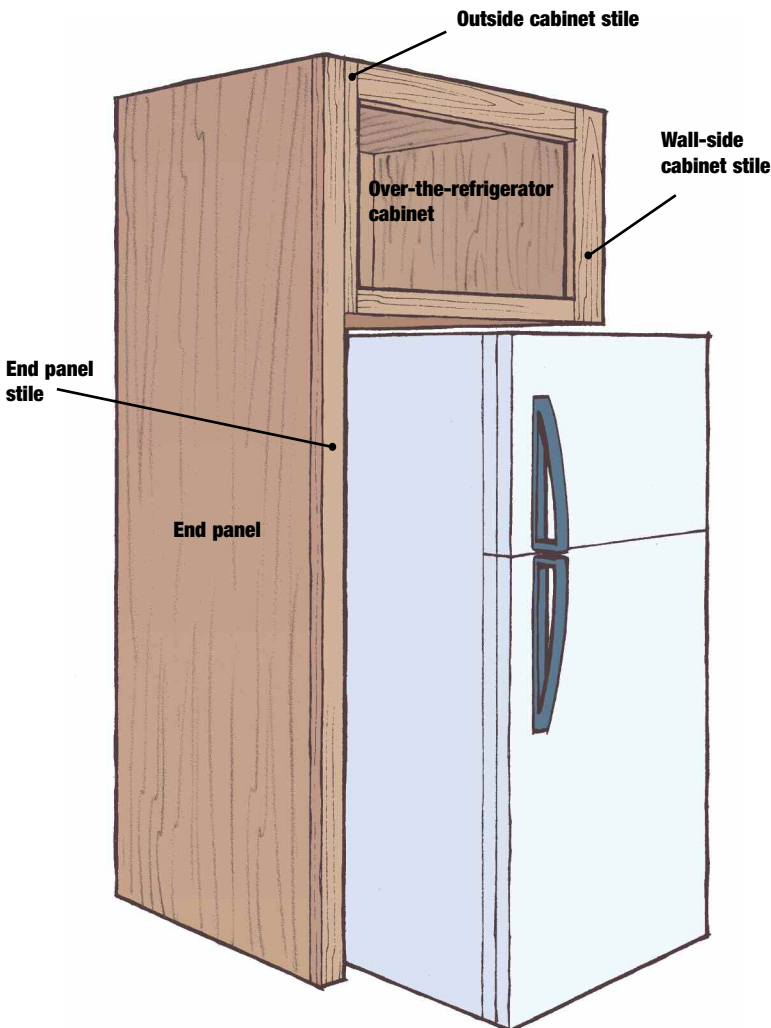


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Fasten a cleat to the side wall studs. The cabinet will be attached to this cleat.



5
Carefully tilt the assembled unit into position; use a helper to hold it in place while you check for level.

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6
Drive screws through the inside of the cabinet and into the cleat on the wall.



7
Install your cabinet doors.



8
Add trim to conceal any gaps at the top and bottom of the unit.