


Arne Salvesen, a designer with Paradigm Kitchen Design in Vancouver, a full-service design firm that offers everything from kitchen components to complete renovations, said most of the cabinetry it supplies runs between \$6,000 and \$25,000.

Salvesen said many people overlook the placement of cabinets in favour of appearance, but he stressed guidelines developed by the National Kitchen and Bath Association help ensure kitchen cabinets are placed with the comfort of users in mind.

Ideally, cabinets should be between 15 and 66 inches from the floor,

Salvesen said. He doesn't recognize anything above eight feet, which is considered too high to be convenient.

Pantries are an ideal way of ensuring a range of shelving heights, Salvesen said. He sees more and more people requesting them if they have a suitable amount of space. 

Finding the space

Guidelines developed by the National Kitchen and Bath Association suggest how much cabinet frontage is ideal for your space.

Calculations multiplying cabinet width in inches by the number of shelves or drawers and the cabinet's depth in feet produces the frontage. For example, an 18-inch-wide cabinet with two shelves and two feet deep represents 72 inches of frontage.