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COUNTERS	GENERAL	VERY IMPORTANT AND OFTEN PROBLEMATIC: RELATIONSHIP OF COUNTER TO CABINET Refer to illustration #1 in "DETAILS PDF" This explains the issue with counter layout as it effects the cabinet. THICK COUNTERS REQUIRE CAREFUL VETTING WITH THE CABINETMAKER AND GENERAL CONTRACTOR. *A DECISION MUST BE MADE
BATHS		Large sinks may require wider cabinets and counter, standard vanities are two inches narrower than kitchen cabinets. Custom cabinets can be built deeper if necessary to provide for a larger sink.
TILE / STONE		Tile can pose a problem in front of a kitchen sink if there is a flip out front under the sink. The narrow band of tile in front of the sink can be weak and crack. Better to forego the flip out in favor of a strong, rigid apron behind the cabinet front. This will prevent flexing. *A DECISION MUST BE MADE
PLUMBING	GENERAL	Faucets, sinks (vanity sinks in particular) , pot fillers. *A DECISION MUST BE MADE
	FAUCETS	Tall faucets at sinks that are backed up to bars can conflict with bar tops. Have these clearly specified before the job is started.
	SINKS	Any exceptionally large sink is going to have to have special requirements. May require a standard cabinet to be spaced out from the wall. This affects perpendicular cabinet run too. *A DECISION MUST BE MADE
BATH VANITY ISSUES		Large bathroom sinks with fixtures mounted in the counter top often require more than a standard 22" counter top.
COUNTER HEIGHTS	GENERAL	Except for the bath vanity (below) I would recommend sticking with the heights in the "STANDARD DIMENSION PDF".
STANDARD DIMENSIONS	GENERAL	There are standards for many aspects of cabinetry. For a list of common dimensions see "STANDARD DIMENSION PDF".
	KITCHEN	There was a trend to raise kitchen counters an inch or two but it appears to have subsided and I wouldn't recommend altering the 36" standard in a kitchen. This seems low if you hold a tape to the wall but it is standard and is an appropriate working height.. Never lower counters below this height. Appliance heights, stoves, dishwashers, etc., are set to work at this height and taller. *A DECISION MUST BE MADE
	CABINET DEPTH	Upper cabinets may be deeper but 13" over all (11 1/2" inside) is typical you may want to go deeper if you have larger plates.
	BATH	Standard vanity height is 32" which I think is low by today's standards. 34" or even 36" for adults is better.

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	EXCEPTIONS	<p>Laundry upper cabinets might be deeper (15 or 16 inches) You might want 24 inches clearance between upper and lower cabinets above a folding counter. Carefully vet any nonstandard layouts with the GENERAL CONTRACTOR to make sure they work. Manufacturers design around a standard and variations can be problematic. In a kitchen for instance, everything is interrelated, it is not unusual for last minute changes or quickly specified appliances to cause unforeseen problems if the cabinetmaker isn't privy to the information.</p>