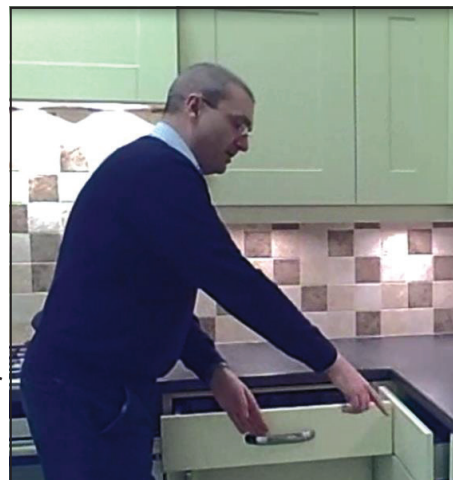


How To Avoid Problems With Drawer Fronts In Tight Corners

What Is A Tight Corner?

A tight corner is created when a corner unit is fitted with either no corner post, or a very small corner post. A corner post separates cabinets in the corner so that adjacent drawer fronts can open without hitting each other. In some kitchens that were built in the sixties and seventies, handleless drawer fronts or drawer fronts with flush fitting handles were popular. It looked really good then, but it now could cause us a problem when you want to replace the drawer fronts with one which have knobs or handles.



If you have an existing kitchen cabinet with a corner post and there is plenty of room then there is not a problem to replace your doors but, if you have no corner post and the drawers butt up against each other, then this guide could be of interest to you. This issue only applies in tight corners where you have drawer fronts. If you do not have drawer fronts and you only have doors then again, this will not be an issue.

As an example, to simulate the problem described above if we were to open a corner cabinet and open the drawer fronts we can illustrate how the problem can be overcome. If there is not a handle on the drawer there won't be a problem but the minute you put on a handle, especially a wide handle what can happen is that the handle can restrict the opening of the drawer. We have a number of solutions to get round this.

Consider The Handle Size And Design

If you have a very wide drawer front then it's less of a problem than if you've got a narrower drawer front. Consider the design of handle that you are going to fit on the drawer fronts. If you have a very wide handle then it's likely to cause the drawer fronts to clash. However, if you use a narrower handle then the further the drawer can open. Better still, if you fit a knob rather than a handle then it will open to the centre of the drawer which could be a good solution for you.



Another option is using handleless doors and drawer fronts, as these do not require knobs or handles, as there is a clever groove in the door which acts as a finder pull. You will find

examples of these on our website. Petworth and Ringmer from our Trends range are a couple of examples.

Move The Units To Add A Corner Post

You can't always do this but another option to consider if it is possible is to move the units along slightly to create your own corner and add a corner post which will allow the drawer fronts to pass.

...Or How About Creating A False Drawer Front

Another way round it is to actually remove the drawer box and have this as a false drawer front attached to the door below fixed with a couple of brackets from behind. What this does is it removes the need for any kind of handle on the drawer front because it's only a dummy drawer. However, you can have that as a fully functioning drawer so again, this isn't a problem that you come across every day but it is something that Kitchen Door Workshop have over the years and we have developed specific solutions to solve this issue.

When carrying out any DIY project, safety should always be your first priority and care should be always be taken to use tools safely and to wear protective clothing, glasses and ear protection where required.

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