

THINKING ABOUT NEW CABINETS?



**Think about this.**

Steam from a coffeemaker  
will ruin some cabinets.

Which ones? Find out. Be informed.

Use the guide inside to discover  
the best cabinetry choice for your home.

**FIELDSTONE<sup>®</sup>**  
C A B I N E T R Y

THIS HOMEOWNER GUIDE IS A GIFT FROM

# FIRST, CABINETS NEED TO BE STRONG AT THE FINISH

## \* YOU NEED TO KNOW THIS



The most durable finish is an oven-cured catalyzed conversion varnish top coat. It provides a clear, non-yellowing, chemically resistant finish.



The least durable top coat is called lacquer. Just a few years after lacquer-finished cabinets are installed, the area around the pulls and knobs develop a tacky, dark color. That is the lacquer wearing down from everyday handling and exposure to water (sink) detergents, chemicals, and steam (coffee maker and dishwasher). Lacquers also yellow over time. This does not happen with a catalyzed conversion varnish.

## FIELDSTONE CABINETRY HAS MORE THAN 200,000 COMBINATIONS OF DOORS, SPECIES AND FINISHES

### SPECIES AVAILABLE

ALDER  
RUSTIC ALDER  
CHERRY  
RUSTIC CHERRY  
HICKORY  
RUSTIC HICKORY  
MAPLE  
OAK  
QUARTER SAWN OAK

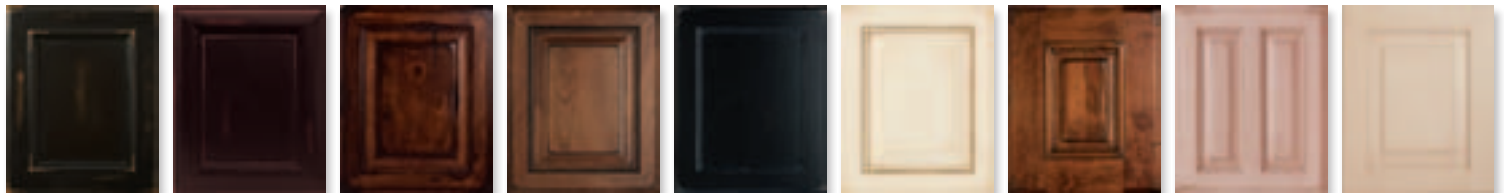
### EXOTIC VENEERS:

BAMBOO  
ROSEWOOD  
WENGE

### STAIN, STAIN WITH GLAZE TINTED VARNISH, TINTED VARNISH WITH GLAZE



### SPECIALTY FINISHES:



Amaretto

Bordeaux

Chateaux

Cottage

Licorice

Linen

Old World

Oatmeal

Villa







### ASK YOUR FIELDSTONE KITCHEN & BATH SPECIALIST ABOUT:

CUSTOM STAIN, CUSTOM STAIN WITH GLAZE, CUSTOM TINTED VARNISH, AND CUSTOM TINTED VARNISH WITH GLAZE.

All Fieldstone Cabinetry stain and stain with glaze finishes are covered against defects in material and workmanship by a Lifetime Warranty.

Amaretto, Bordeaux, Cottage (when applied to a Maple door finished in Tinted Varnish), Licorice, Linen, Old World Distressing (when applied to a Maple door finished in Tinted Varnish), Thermo-Foil, Tinted Varnish and Villa are covered against defects in materials and workmanship for five years.

# KNOW BEFORE YOU BUY

		Cabinetry from Shop A	Cabinetry from Shop B
<p><b>WHAT TYPE OF FINISH IS USED?</b>                      The most durable finish is an oven-cured catalyzed conversion varnish top coat. It provides a clear, non-yellowing, chemically resistant finish. The least durable top coat is lacquer. Just a few years after lacquer-finished cabinets are installed, the area around the pulls and knobs develop a tacky, dark color. That is the lacquer wearing down from everyday handling and exposure to water (sink) detergents, chemicals, and steam (coffee maker and dishwasher). Lacquers also yellow over time. This does not happen with a catalyzed conversion varnish.</p>	<p>Fieldstone Cabinetry uses a catalyzed conversion varnish. Cabinetry finished with this process will wear much better over time compared to cabinetry with a lacquer top coat.</p> <p>Our finish is not just durable, it's beautiful. Our top coat has a lustrous feel, incredible build depth, and an understated, elegant satin sheen. It's what you'd expect of fine heirloom furniture, so we call it the "Furniture Finish."</p>		
<p><b>WHO SUPPLIES THE FINISH MATERIALS?</b></p>	<p>Fieldstone Cabinetry uses finish materials from only the best and most reputable manufacturers. The coatings are extremely low in Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC) and formaldehyde because of our concerns for the environment.</p>		
<p><b>WHAT IS THE FINISH PROCESS?</b></p>	<p>Fieldstone Cabinetry has a multi-step finish process that is the best in the industry. It is certified by KCMA and passes a rigorous certification process that tests for resistance against chemicals and harmful household products.</p> <p>Fieldstone Cabinetry finishes cabinetry in a professional, climate controlled system. The varnish is catalyzed and oven cured to 130 degrees to provide a super hard finish that is clear, non-yellowing and chemically resistant.</p> <p>Each cabinet in a Fieldstone Cabinetry installation will have a pleasing overall color match due to our exacting color standards and controlled manufacturing environment.</p>		
<p><b>IF A DOOR HAS TO BE REPLACED, CAN YOU GET IT FINISHED TO MATCH YOUR KITCHEN?</b> Watch out for cabinetmakers who may not be in business when you need a door or two down the road.</p>	<p>Fieldstone Cabinetry has been in business for more than 30 years. Fieldstone will be there if you need a door, a hinge, or a glide.</p>		

# SECOND, CABINETS NEED TO BE RUGGED

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- What is the warranty?
- For interiors, avoid uncoated particle board. It absorbs water and bubbles appear, as illustrated below.
- Avoid melamine exteriors. Melamine makes excellent interiors, but not exteriors. Melamine doesn't age like the wood components will, and eventually your kitchen will be two different colors.



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	<b>FIELDSTONE<sup>®</sup></b> CABINETS	<b>Cabinetry from Shop A</b>	<b>Cabinetry from Shop B</b>
<b>Cabinetry has to endure hard knocks. What is the warranty?</b>	Fieldstone Cabinetry has a lifetime warranty. Fieldstone Cabinetry has been in business for more than 30 years. Fieldstone will be there if you need a door, a hinge, or a glide.	☞	☞
<b>Is the product on view?</b> Avoid cabinet-makers who do not have their product on display. You need to open and close doors and drawers, judge the glides, and judge the material, methods and joinery used to build the cabinets.	Fieldstone Cabinetry is on display.	☞	☞
<b>Are the cabinets certified by the Kitchen Cabinet Manufacturers Association?</b> Cabinets that comply and bear the KCMA certification seal are a quality product able to perform after a rigorous battery of ANSI tests simulating years of typical household use.	Fieldstone Cabinetry is KCMA certified. Fieldstone Cabinetry uses the best construction methods and materials available. Throughout the entire manufacturing process, every employee is empowered to remove product that doesn't meet their standards. Our employees are actively and passionately engaged in our Continuous Improvement (CI) process. We have several CI teams from several different departments who watch over every aspect of cabinet production, from order processing through delivery. Our Continuous Improvement process works!	☞	☞












# KNOW BEFORE YOU BUY

		What to watch out for	Cabinetry from Shop A	Cabinetry from Shop B
<b>Face Frames</b>	Solid hardwood joined with concealed screws and glue	A face frame is essential for structural integrity. Some cabinetmakers cut costs by eliminating the face frame. Eventually the cabinet will skew. How are the face frames attached? Some cabinetmakers cut costs by nailing on the face frame, instead of using durable, time tested woodwork joinery.		
<b>End Panels</b>	1/2" Veneer Core Plywood–Unfinished Options 1/2" Veneer Core Plywood–Finished Options 3/4" Veneer Core Plywood–Finished Furniture End Options 3/4" Veneer Core Plywood–Flush* & Finished Options 3/4" Veneer Core Plywood–Unfinished	Particle board isn't very strong, and it doesn't take finish evenly. Avoid melamine exteriors. Melamine makes excellent interiors, but not exteriors. Melamine doesn't age like the wood components will, and eventually your kitchen will be two different colors.		
<b>Tops</b>	1/2" Veneer Core Plywood			
<b>Bottoms</b>	1/2" Veneer Core Plywood			
<b>Back Panels</b>	1/4" Plywood Options 3/8" Beaded Back Options 3/4" Flush Back Options 3/4" Finished Paneled Back	Some cabinetmakers cut costs by eliminating the back panel. When you open the cabinet door, you will see the wall.		
<b>Interiors</b>	Natural Birch Melamine Options Stained Matching Veneer Options Natural Maple Veneer	Unfinished particle board will absorb moisture and bubble.		
<b>Shelves</b>	3/4" thick Engineered Wood Options 3/4" thick Veneer Core Plywood	Shelves that are only 5/8" thick are likely to bow.		
<b>Base Shelves</b>	Two-thirds depth, adjustable Options Full depth	Unadjustable shelves will limit how you can arrange the contents of your cabinets.		
<b>Wall Shelves</b>	Full depth, adjustable			
<b>Drawers</b>	4-sided box, 3/4" birch, dovetail joinery Lifetime warranty	Some cabinetmakers cut costs by building their drawers with particle board or soft wood. They pin the drawer sides to the front and back. A drawer made with these materials and the pinning method WILL NOT stand up to the daily abuse kitchens drawers are put through. Insist on rugged material and dovetail joinery. Some cabinetmakers cut costs by not protecting the glides from the finish process.		
<b>Roll Trays</b>	4-sided box, 3/4" birch, dovetail joinery Lifetime warranty			
<b>Glides</b>	Full extension (you can reach everything in the drawer) Undermount (they are concealed, won't collect debris) Soft close (no more crashes) Lifetime warranty			
<b>This is the best drawer in the industry!</b>				
<b>Hinges</b>	Six-way adjustable Lifetime warranty	Cabinetry will shrink and expand with the changing seasons. If you can't adjust your hinges to accommodate seasonal changes, your doors won't close properly.		

\* **Why would you want flush ends?** When the side of the cabinet is visible, designers specify "flush" for a smooth finished appearance. Flush ends also make it easy to correctly install moulding. How are flush ends created? Fieldstone Cabinetry builds flush ends by manufacturing the side panel to be flush with the face frame. Some cabinetmakers don't have the skill to create smooth joinery between the face frame and the end panel.



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<p><b>Does the cabinetmaker have written, firm lead time?</b> Floors, appliances and countertops have to be coordinated with the delivery of cabinets. A delay will throw off several components of your project.</p>	<p>Fieldstone Cabinetry delivers 99% on time and complete. Four week lead time for stains, six week lead time for other finishes and certain specialty items, eight week lead time for inset cabinetry.</p>		
<p>Most projects need replacement parts and add-ons. Is there a timely process for obtaining these?</p>	<p>Fieldstone Cabinetry emphasizes fast turnaround on job completion items.</p>		
<p>You've found your dream kitchen in a magazine. Will you be able to get what you want?</p> <p><b>What is the selection of finishes?</b>  <b>What is the selection of organization and storage accessories?</b>  <b>What is the selection of decorative embellishments?</b></p>	<p>Fieldstone Cabinetry has over 200,000 combinations of doors, species and finishes; hundreds of organizational accessories, and thousands of accents.</p>		
<p><b>Do you care about how "green" your cabinets are?</b> The KCMA also certifies cabinet manufacturers who prove they are using sustainable products and processes. This certification is called ESP—Environmental Stewardship Program.</p>	<p>Fieldstone Cabinetry is ESP certified by the KCMA. Fieldstone Cabinetry is CARB compliant. Our employees are trained extensively on the most responsible use of materials, whether that is efficient utilization of chemicals or recycling cardboard.</p>		
<p><b>Do you care if your cabinetmaker is socially responsible?</b></p>	<p>Fieldstone Cabinetry is a Platinum Sponsor (\$25,000 contribution) of the Volunteers of America-Dakotas.</p> <p>Fieldstone Cabinetry donates all the cabinetry needed by Habitat for Humanity in South Dakota.</p> <p>Fieldstone Cabinetry and Fieldstone Cabinetry employees are generous contributors to the Sioux Empire United Way.</p> <p>Fieldstone Cabinetry is a generous contributor to Feeding South Dakota.</p>		



YOU'LL GET ONE, MAYBE TWO,  
NEW KITCHENS IN YOUR LIFETIME.



WHAT WILL YOU PLACE IN THE HEART OF YOUR HOME?



Fieldstone Cabinetry is made in America by craftsmen in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.