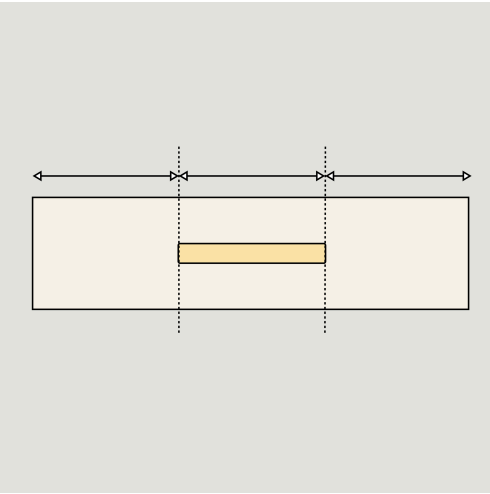
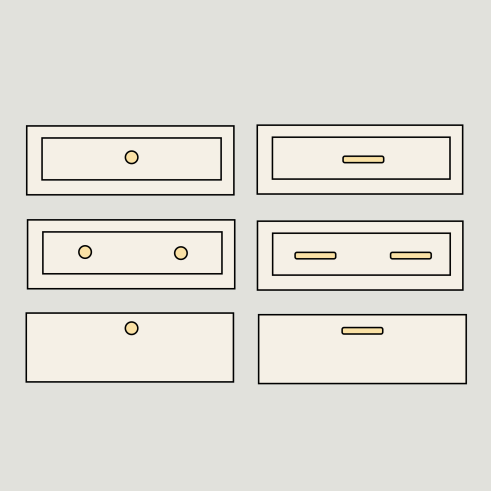
Cabinet Hardware Placement Guide

Practical guidelines for positioning knobs and pulls with precision and consistency.



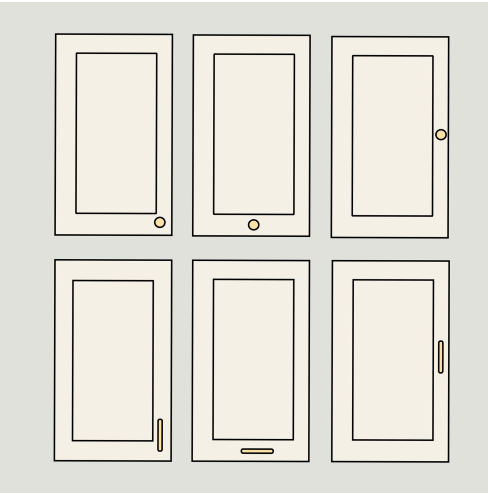
RULE OF THIRDS

Center pulls along the lower third line for visual balance.



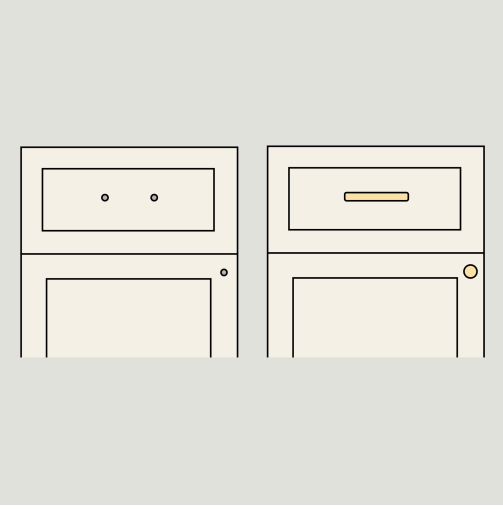
KNOBS VS PULLS ON DRAWERS

Knobs feel classic. Pulls feel modern.



KNOBS VS PULLS ON DOORS

Knobs are subtle. Vertical pulls emphasize height.



Replacing Existing Hardware

Replacing cabinet hardware is one of the simplest upgrades — but small details make a big difference.

MEASURE THE CENTER TO CENTER

Measure from the center of one screw hole to the center of the other. This measurement determines the correct replacement size.

Pulls are available in both metric and imperial sizes. Common metric sizes include: 96mm, 128mm, 160mm, 192mm, 224mm.

CHECK FOR COMPRESSION MARKS

Some knobs and pulls leave visible indentations where the base presses into the cabinet surface. Before installing new hardware, inspect for damage. Confirm the new bases will come any existing damage.

PRO TIP

Filling and refinishing first often produces a more intentional result.