

Getting Bathroom Sink Cabinets Right: A Buyer's Guide to Vanities That Hold Up

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A wall-mounted vanity and sink built to fit around fixed plumbing rather than a stock cutout.

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Most bathroom renovations start with tile and paint, but the piece that gets touched every single day is the vanity. A well-built **bathroom vanity with sink** survives years of splashed water, slammed drawers and steamy mornings, while a poorly built one starts swelling at the base within a season. At TimbeRich Inc., we build custom millwork for kitchens, baths and wall panels, and vanities are one of the pieces clients ask us to get right the first time.

The material underneath the finish matters more than the finish itself. Standard particleboard soaks up humidity from showers and leaking supply lines, and once the core swells, no amount of refinishing brings it back. We build our cabinet boxes from moisture-resistant plywood and seal every cut edge, so the box stays flat and square even in a bathroom with no window and a hot shower running twice a day.

Sink style changes the cabinet build more than most homeowners expect. An undermount sink needs a sealed, level counter substrate and a cabinet top rated to carry the extra weight at the seam. A vessel sink sits above the counter and frees up drawer space below, which suits a powder room but leaves less room for towels and toiletries in a family bathroom. Integrated sink-and-counter tops skip the seam altogether and are the easiest to keep clean, though they cost more up front and limit how the vanity can be resized later.

Storage is where most stock cabinets fall short. Off-the-shelf **bathroom sink cabinets** are built around a standard plumbing cutout, which usually means one dead, unusable drawer in the middle stack. We design around the actual trap and shutoff valve locations, so drawers open fully instead of stopping short, and we fit soft-close hinges and slides as standard rather than as an upgrade. For a small ensuite, a single vanity with a tall side cabinet often stores more than a wide vanity with shallow drawers, simply because the vertical space gets used instead of wasted.

Finish and hardware are the last decision, not the first. A painted MDF door looks sharp on day one but chips at the corners within a year in a high-traffic bathroom; a sealed hardwood or quality laminate door holds up to the daily bumps from toothbrush cups and hair dryers. Matte black or brushed brass pulls read as a finishing touch, but they also tell you a lot about how the piece was finished underneath, since cheap boxes rarely get expensive hardware.

If you are weighing a stock cabinet against something built to the exact dimensions of your bathroom, it is worth measuring twice and asking about the plywood grade before comparing prices. TimbeRich Inc. designs and builds vanities, kitchen cabinetry and wall panelling to order, with every box built to fit the plumbing and layout of the room it is going into rather than a generic template.