Modern Cabinet Doors

What Slab Cabinet Doors Are

Slab cabinet doors are flat panel doors that have no ornamentation or beveling.

Most cabinet doors still use a form of contoured design, in which frames and panels are constructed so that the cabinet faces are dimensional rather than flat. This raised panel design, such as is found in Shaker-style cabinets, gives a very traditional look.

Flat-panel doors, otherwise known as slab cabinet doors, lend a modern look to any kitchen or bathroom. The front of the door is completely flat, with no bevels. The edges are 90-degree corners.

Slab Door Construction

As is true of raised panel cabinet doors, slab doors can be constructed in many ways, and the construction methods largely dictate the cost of the cabinets. One constant, though, is the fact that slab doors have no frames; they are solid slabs.

Solid Hardwood

This is the most expensive but also the most durable and solid construction. These doors are formed from solid hardwood boards glued up edgewise. These are found in only the most custom installations.

Class A, Furniture-Grade Plywood

These are finish-grade plywood panels in which the face layer is a high-quality hardwood applied over cheaper ply of pine or other softer woods. The edges of the slabs are covered with hardwood veneer tape.

MDF Particleboard

Medium-density fiberboard is a standard material used for doors that will be painted or as the core layer for doors covered with plastic laminate or thermofoil. These doors can also be coated in a melamine exterior.

