

## Which Kitchen Sink Configuration Is Right for You

Before you buy, consider the orientation of the sink, the number of sink bowls and the depth and number of holes your sink requires for fixtures.

Orientation:

- Keep your [dishwasher](#) location in mind when shopping for a new sink. The ideal dishwasher location depends on whether you're right-handed or left-handed. The key is to be able to hold dirty dishes with one hand while rinsing with the other and then placing them easily in the dishwasher. For double sinks, having the [garbage disposal](#) installed on the same side as the dishwasher increases efficiency.

Tight Radius vs. Zero Radius:

- A sink with a standard radius has traditional rounded corners and interior edges. A tight radius sink has a much less rounded shape, while a zero radius sink has straight, 90-degree corners and edges. While a zero radius sink generally has a deeper basin, many prefer a tight radius sink, as it combines the modern look of a zero radius but is slightly easier to clean.

Size:

- The interior width of the sink's cabinet determines the maximum dimensions for your sink.

Most base cabinets come in widths that accommodate the standard kitchen sink sizes. A 30-inch-wide or a 36-inch-wide cabinet are most common. The height of the cabinet can be customized, but 36 inches is average. A typical 33 x 22-inch sink will fill a 36-inch base cabinet. If you're replacing a sink, make sure it fits the existing cutout. If the cabinet allows, you may be able to install a larger sink by expanding the cutout. A farmhouse sink may require a special cabinet size. Deciding how many bowls you need is best determined by the size of your kitchen and what type of activities you'll most often perform in the sink.

## Single-Bowl Sinks



- Single bowl sinks offer plenty of space for large-diameter dishes and oversized pots.
- Can be as long as 42 inches.

## Double Bowl Sinks



- Double bowl sinks provide room for separate tasks such as washing and rinsing dishes, food preparation and cleanup.
- Most configurations balance their bowl sizes in ratios of 50/50, 60/40 or 70/30.
- Can be as long as 48 inches.

## **Triple Bowl Sinks**



- Triple bowl sinks feature a small third bowl for use as a prep sink.
- The full unit can be as long as 60 inches.