

Creating Frameless Euro-style Cabinets

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QUESTION

I need to model cabinets with frameless construction. How can I do this?



ANSWER




Frameless, or European style cabinets, are characterized by door and drawer fronts that cover most or all of the cabinet front, narrow gaps between front items, and hidden hinges.

You can easily set up your cabinets in Chief Architect to model this type of cabinet.

In many cases, it's best to design your cabinets in the Cabinet Defaults before you place any cabinets in your plan. You can, however, assign these specifications to any cabinet on an object by object basis in the Cabinet Specification dialog.

In this example, we will modify a single cabinet.

To create frameless cabinets

1. Select **Build> Cabinet> Base Cabinet**  from the menu, then click in the drawing area to place a base cabinet at that location.
2. Using the **Select Objects**  tool, click on the base cabinet to select it and select the **Open Object**  edit button to display the **Base Cabinet Specification** dialog.
3. On the **GENERAL** panel:

Base Cabinet Specification

General

- Box Construction
- Front/Sides/Back
- Door/Drawer
- Accessories
- Opening Indicators
- Moldings
- Layer
- Fill Style
- Materials
- Label
- Components
- Object Information
- Schedule

Cabinet Style

Type: Filler

Size/Position

Width:

Height: Including Countertop

Depth:

Elevation Reference:

Finished Floor to Top:

Finished Floor to Bottom:

Countertop

Thickness:

Overhang: Uniform

Front Back Left Right

Corner Treatment: None Clipped Rounded

Corner Width:

Backsplash

Height:

Thickness:

Options: Side Always Present

Toe Kick

Height:

Depth:

Sides/Back: Flat Sides Flat Back Closed Toe Always Present

Options

Corner: Diagonal Door Lazy Susan

Room: Suppress Adjacent Room Moldings

- Set the Countertop **Thickness** and **Overhang**, if necessary.
- If desired, **Flat Sides** and **Flat Back** for the toe kick can be set here.

4. On the **Box CONSTRUCTION** panel:

Base Cabinet Specification

General
Box Construction
 Front/Sides/Back
 Door/Drawer
 Accessories
 Opening Indicators
 Moldings
 Layer
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Box Construction

Framed

Separation: "

Left Stile Extend: "

Right Stile Extend: "

Frameless

Top/Bottom

Top: Auto Has Top No Top

Bottom: Auto Has Bottom No Bottom

Door/Drawer Overlay

Traditional Overlay

Overlap: "

Full Overlay

Reveal: "

Inset

Clearance: "

Cabinet Corner Treatment

Rounded

Clipped

None

Corner Width: "

- Under the Box Construction section, select **Frameless**.
- Under the Door/Drawer Overlay section, depending on your style preference, select **Full Overlay** and specify the desired **Reveal** value.

5. On the **DOOR/DRAWER** panel:

Base Cabinet Specification

General
 Box Construction
 Front/Sides/Back
Door/Drawer
 Accessories
 Opening Indicators
 Moldings
 Layer
 Fill Style
 Materials
 Label
 Components
 Object Information
 Schedule

Door

Style: Slab Doors Library...
 Glass Doors
 Stile Between Double Doors

Door Handle

Style: CP01V Bar Pull Library...
 In From Edge: 1 3/8"
 Down From Top: 9"

Door Hinges

Style: Hidden Library...
 Up/Down From Edge: 3"

Drawer

Style: Slab Drawers Library...

Drawer Handle

Style: CP01 Bar Pull Library...
 Horizontal Position: Use Default
 One Handle Centered
 Two Handles In From Edge: 0"
 Vertical Position: Use Default
 Centered
 Distance From Top: 0"

Options

Slab Bevel: 0"

- Select the desired **Door** and **Drawer Styles**.

There are a selection of European style doors and drawers available in the Library Browser, or Slab Doors also work well for creating this style.

- Specify the desired **Door** and **Drawer Handle** styles.


A selection of styles are available in the Library Browser under **Chief Architect Core Catalogs> Architectural> Hardware> Cabinet Hardware**.

Depending on the handles you select, you may also want to adjust the **In From Edge** and **Down from Top** values.

- Specify **Hidden** for the **Door Hinge Style**.
- Click **OK** to close the dialog and apply your changes.



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