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Ask the expert



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Frameless kitchen cabinets got their start in Europe after World War II, when wood was in short supply.

We are planning to remodel our kitchen and would appreciate learning the differences between face-frame cabinets and frameless ones.

In the United States, face-frame cabinets are the most popular. These are the kind whose doors look like a frame surrounding a panel; they have exposed hinges. Frameless cabinets are ubiquitous in Europe. Their doors fully cover the cabinet's front, with a similar look for drawers; their hinges are hidden.

A recent issue of *Fine Homebuilding* magazine contained a comparison, written by Don Burgard, copy/production editor.

ACCESS

■ **Face-frame:** In between its facing doors, a wider face-frame cabinet has a stile that may require you to reach around to find a bowl or a glass. With stock face-frame cabinets, which are typically joined together on site, you also often end up with a 3-inch stile (two 1 1/2-inch stiles butted against each other).

■ **Frameless:** Interior access is the one area where there's a clear winner. Frameless cabinets offer complete access to the interior: Open the doors, reach in and grab what you need. The difference in access is even more apparent with drawers and pullout trays, which can be wider — even by as much as a few inches — when there is no face frame in the way.

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■ **Face-frame:** With their frame-and-panel doors and exposed hinges, face-frame cabinets look right at home in more traditional types of houses, such as colonials, bungalows and Capes.

■ **Frameless:** The sleeker, cleaner look of frameless cabinets, with their full-coverage doors and drawers and their hidden

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In the 'tween time

Decorating options help parents span kids' growing years, 8-12

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The ages between 8 and 12 are a time of enormous change for kids. Children become more independent, more concerned with trends and what their friends are listening to, buying and wearing. They also begin to develop ideas about the shape their bedrooms should take.

Mothers no longer get to pick out bedspreads with cartoon characters for boys, or paint the walls of their little girl's room pink. Instead, 'twens want to choose their decor, their bedspreads, paint colors, rugs and even lighting fixtures. It's a trend more and more parents are seeing.

Creating the ideal room for your 'tween is a combination of compromise and acceptance for most parents. Children should be involved in the design process and allowed to express themselves without breaking the bank.

■ **Let the room grow with your child.** It's important to keep in mind that the ages between 8 and 12 are typically a time of physical growth for most kids, particularly girls. Whatever furniture you choose should allow for this. Accessories like pillows, bedspreads, wall art and lampshades are easy to replace as your child gets older, so it's important not to invest too much in these items because the child's taste may change within a few years.

■ **Let your child have input into all aspects of their space.** It's important that a 'tween's bedroom be an expression of her personality instead of her parents'. Use shopping to form bonds and learn about the person she is becoming, what she likes and dislikes and what she wants out of her room. Use online store websites along with **HGTV.com** and other design websites to get ideas, then create a shoebox diorama or a swatch board to see how it will all come together.

■ **Get used to non-neutral colors.** As much as you might prefer that your child stick with a nice white or beige for his walls, the truth is that most 'twens will have their hearts set on shades like

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Every 'tween room should have adequate seating for when friends come over. This red rose papasan chair from Pier 1 Imports offers an alternative to regular, straight-backed chairs.

Removable wall decals can be small, like some butterfly patterns, or fill most of a wall like the modern surfing design below.



Modern Wall Graphics

Comfy bed, storage space primary 'tween essentials

Every 'tween room is bound to turn out different depending on a child's interests, tastes and personality, but a few basic elements contribute to a good 'tween room.

■ **A comfortable bed.** Kids obviously need different size beds at different ages, but having a twin bed when your child is rapidly approaching the teen years doesn't usually work for long. Design experts from HGTV advise against buying twin beds for

your 'twens (or even younger kids) simply because you never know how rapidly they will grow. Beds come in all shapes and sizes. Some come with built-in storage or even desks. It's important to consider your options, the size of your child's room, your budget and your child's needs when choosing a bed.

■ **A sitting space.** A window seat is ideal for 'twens who like to have friends over, but not all houses have them. A comfort-

able bean-bag or a small chair is ideal for most 'tween rooms. **PBteen.com** offers a Hang-A-Round chair that folds easily for storage, while Pier 1 Imports has colorful papasan chairs that are ideal for 'tween rooms.

■ **A desk.** All kids need space to do homework or play games on their computers. A desk is essential for that and helps kids feel like they have a workspace of their own.

■ **Storage space.** 'Twens have

a lot of stuff, whether it's books, games or just the toys they don't play with much anymore but want to keep. That's why storage space is important. Bookshelves are an inexpensive option for storing books and games. Toys and other items that aren't used much can be stored in under-the-bed bins or in bins or baskets that fit in closets. Beds with built-in storage are another option, but are considerably more expensive.

— Tracy M. Rogers

Tools & toys

Spring Tones from Atlas



What's to love: Floral-inspired pinks are all the rage this year. Pantone, the world-renowned authority on color, said so.

What's it do: New collections of decorative cabinet hardware can add panache to the home. The ceramic LeFleur collection comes in a palette of shades including the coral mist shown here. The elegant Ballerina glass knob (top) in polished chrome, adds some metallic glamour and sparkle, while the Plie small glass knob also shows off pink and white flair.

Price: LeFleur small, \$9.20, large \$10.40; Ballerina and Plie, \$26.40. View atlashousewares.com for dealers.

GE Groov Caulking



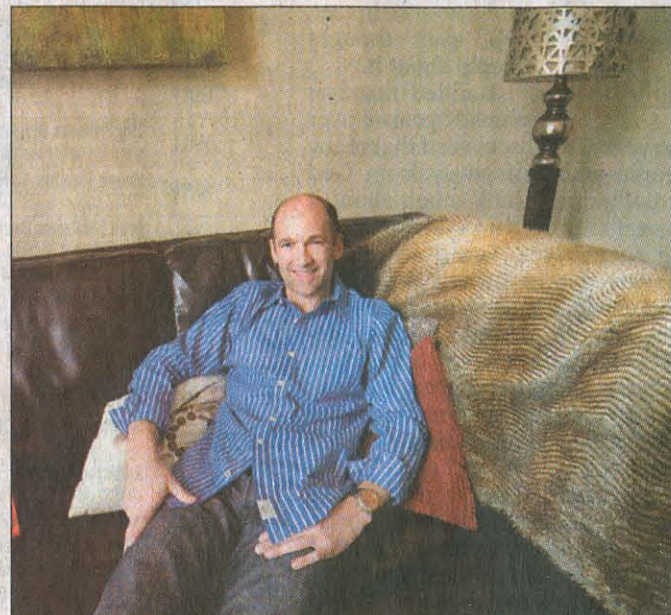
What's to love: Similar to silicone, doesn't shrink, crack or break down over time.

What's it do: Remains waterproof, flexible, durable despite moisture, humidity, cold, heat, sun. Paintable. Smooth texture makes application less messy. One-hour rain ready; 30-minute paint-ready. Adheres to most wood, metal, vinyl siding, masonry, brick, concrete, drywall/plastic, glass, laminate, ceramic tile, plastic. Available in exterior/interior and kitchen/bath/plumbing.

Price: Suggested retail price \$7.49-\$8.48; available at Lowe's, Home Depot, Ace, True Value.

— Marcia Schnedler

Personal space



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D.J. Dailey

Where I live: I live in west Little Rock and I have two daughters, Mary, 15, and Morgan, 7.

Occupation: I am a dentist practicing general and cosmetic dentistry in Little Rock and owner of Dr. D.J. Dailey Dental Center.

My favorite space: It's my den.

Why? It's where I take my shoes off and put my feet up so it's where I relax. I have a big television, and in addition to watching documentaries, fun movies and educational

shows on the History Channel and Discovery Channel, I enjoy playing video games with my daughters. We have a Nintendo Wii and a PlayStation 3. Lately, we've been bowling and boxing with Wii Sports and my 7-year-old beats me quite often. The room is also where I have a framed drawing of my grandfather's office furniture building that he used to have downtown.

If I could do one thing to improve this space, I would: Do nothing. It's all new furniture and it's the way I want it to be.

— Catherine Rodgers

In the garden

Q I want to move two pink rosebushes that are not doing well in their present location. There is a huge rosebush between them that is doing very well. I think the huge rosebush is overwhelming them, and they do not have enough room. In any case, I am moving them to a bed where they have more room, air and sun. My question is, how should I prepare the new holes that

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I dig for them? Such as, what material should I plant them in (peat, potting soil, etc.)?

A I hope you have pruned them already, but if not, prune them before you move them. Prepare the site by incorporating organic matter into the planting hole — trying to amend about three times the width of the hole you are preparing. I prefer compost. Mound up the site a bit to improve drainage after planting. Don't be alarmed if they wilt for



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several days to weeks after transplanting; just keep up with the watering and they should recover and prosper.

Q All of my Knock Out Roses have black spots on every limb. Help!

A Is it the new foliage or the old? Although Knock Out roses have been pretty disease-

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