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learn from vern

knobs & pulls

Vern Yip of *Live in Vern's House* shares his best tips for finding hardware that suits your style.

- 1 People tend to use knobs on cabinets and pulls on drawers, but in a kitchen, I prefer to do all pulls. Mixing and matching breaks up the look too much for me.
- 2 When replacing hardware, bring the old pieces—especially pulls—with you. Since many sizes are considered “standard,” you’ll want to know the distance between the screws so you can use the holes that are already drilled.
- 3 Most hardware comes with 1- to 2-inch screws, but they may not work if you’re dealing with especially thick or thin wood. If the screws are too short or too

long, make sure to get different ones at the hardware store.

- 4 Not sure if your drawers need one piece of hardware or two? If you’re using pulls, you’ll need two for drawers wider than 30 inches. If you’re using knobs, use two for drawers wider than 18 inches.
- 5 Hardware can range from less than \$1 per piece to \$200 a pop (really!). If you think you’ll switch it up at some point—it is, after all, one of the easiest ways to update a space—err on the less pricey side.
- 6 Pulls and knobs are like jewelry for furniture—they’re a fun place to take a risk. The bigger your

room, the more colorful you can get. But save decorative hardware, such as knobs shaped like flowers, for rooms other than the kitchen, since they’re harder to clean.

- 7 Polished nickel is a great no-fail finish. It’s neutral but has a gleam, and I’m a sucker for anything shiny. It also works on any style of cabinet or drawer.
- 8 Satin and brushed finishes are also good because they rarely show fingerprints. They look more subtle, so use them in a small space or on eye-catching furniture. A more adventurous but equally durable option is crystal or glass.



Atlas Homewares Tangeres 4 1/2" glass pull, \$22.50, wayfair.com

This would look great on a bedroom dresser.



Striped 1 1/2" ceramic knob in orange, \$6.50, charlestonknobcompany.com



Farm Animal Rooster 1 1/4" stoneware and cast-brass knob, \$9, potterybarn.com



Traditional Amber 3" glass pull, \$17, rh.com



Antique Brass Owl 1 1/4" metal knob, \$8 for a set of 2, worldmarket.com



Dottie 1 1/4" resin knob in blue, \$10, pbteen.com



THS-039 1 1/4" metal knob, \$10, knobco.com



Silver Beaded 1 1/2" acrylic and brass knob, \$7, pier1.com

Many styles, like this one, come in both pull and knob versions.



Stassi 3 3/4" enamel and brass pull, \$14, potterybarn.com



Richelieu Ring 2" pewter cabinet pull in brushed nickel, \$5.50, lowes.com



Glass Confetti 1 1/4" ceramic and brass knob, \$6, urbanoutfitters.com



Boomerang 3" cast zinc alloy pull, \$8, rejuvenation.com



Lulu 1 1/4" stoneware knob in multi, \$8, anthropologie.com



Gold-Tone Mushroom 1 3/4" bronze knob, \$6.50, michaelaram.com



Atlas Homewares Vinci 1 3/4" ceramic knob, \$13.50, wayfair.com



Hexagonal 1 1/4" glass and nickel knob in forest green, \$4, houseofantiquehardware.com



Agate 4 1/2" handle in green, \$49, westelm.com



Bezier 1 1/4" brass knob, \$7, emtek.com for stores



Hand Picked Knobs Red and White Dot 1 3/4" resin knob, \$8, landofnod.com