

Coeur d'Alene Painting Co.

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Cabinet refinishing in Coeur d'Alene

Kitchen pricing, knotty alder prep and a week by week schedule

WHAT IT RUNS HERE

Cabinet refinishing in Coeur d'Alene runs \$2,650 to \$6,400 for an average kitchen, or from \$85 per door on smaller jobs. Plan on 5 to 7 days. Local kitchens are mostly oak, knotty alder and maple, and each needs different prep, shellac primer on the alder and grain filling on the oak. Coeur d'Alene Premium Painters carries a 2 year workmanship warranty. Call (208) 551-1546.

Free estimate, written scope

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What matters most

- An average Coeur d'Alene kitchen runs \$2,650 to \$6,400, with per-opening pricing from \$85 per door.
- On site time is 5 to 7 days, and enamel recoat windows set that pace.
- Knotty alder and pine need shellac primer across the whole door face or the knots bleed through in weeks.
- Oak grain does not fill with paint, so a smooth oak door needs grain filler as a separate bid line.
- Doors must be sprayed in a space held near 65 to 70 degrees, including overnight, through a North Idaho winter.

THE NUMBERS

Coeur d'Alene cabinet refinishing and related scopes

SCOPE	WHAT IT COVERS	COEUR D'ALENE RANGE
Average kitchen refinish	Doors, drawer fronts, face frames, boxes and exposed end panels, 5 to 7 days	\$2,650 to \$6,400
Priced per opening	Each door or drawer front, sprayed both sides	From \$85 per door
Kitchen plus the rest of the interior	Cabinets done alongside walls, ceilings, trim and doors in one visit	\$3,500 to \$8,250
Interior priced by floor area	Whole house interior quoted per square foot of finished floor space	From \$3.30 per sq ft
Office or break room casework	Commercial cabinetry and millwork inside a business, scheduled to your hours	\$2.75 to \$6.05 per sq ft

Opening count, the existing finish and whether oak grain gets filled move the number far more than the size of the room does.

The numbers

An average Coeur d'Alene kitchen runs \$2,650 to \$6,400, or from \$85 per door on smaller and partial jobs. On site time is 5 to 7 days. Workmanship carries a 2 year warranty.

- Per-door pricing covers the door or drawer front sprayed both sides
- The kitchen band adds boxes, face frames and inside edges
- Opening count is the first number an honest bid states

Know your species

The 1990s and 2000s built about 9,200 Coeur d'Alene housing units between them, and those decades set what is behind most kitchen doors here.

- Red oak: open grain you can feel, honey stain, 1990s standard
- Knotty alder and pine: dark knots, resin that bleeds
- Thermofoil: no grain, lifts at the range and dishwasher corners

The two prep problems

Knots and open grain are what make North Idaho kitchens their own job.

- Shellac the whole door face on alder and pine, never the knot alone
- Fill oak grain or accept that the door will still read as oak
- Degrease before sanding, or the grease goes into the wood

Winter cure

Cabinet enamels are the slowest curing coating in a house, and cold slows them further.

- Advance: 16 hour recoat, up to 30 days to full hardness
- Emerald Urethane: 1 hour to touch, 4 hour recoat, apply above 50 degrees
- Spray space held at 65 to 70 degrees, overnight included

Reading the bid

Two crews can mean genuinely different work using the same three words.

- Named primer, named enamel, named sheen
- Boxes sprayed or brushed, interiors in or out
- Toe kicks, crown, filler strips and end panels listed

How jobs fail

Most cabinet failures trace to prep or to cure time, and both are visible on a bid before the work starts.

- Chipping at the latch edge from grease or from wall paint
- Amber knot bleed three to six weeks after the job
- Blocking where doors were closed before the film cured

The first 30 days

What happens after the crew leaves decides how the kitchen looks in year three.

- Load shelves lightly, no shelf liner for a month
- Bumpers on every door back, close doors gently
- Damp cloth and mild soap only, no ammonia or citrus cleaners

Check these before you sign a cabinet refinishing bid

- ☐ The bid states the door and drawer front count, and you counted them yourself.
- ☐ It says where the doors get sprayed and what temperature that space is held at.
- ☐ It says whether boxes and face frames are sprayed or brushed and rolled.
- ☐ Box interiors are either included or excluded in writing.
- ☐ The hinge plan is stated: reuse, clean or replace, and who pays for new bores.
- ☐ The primer is named and it matches your species, shellac for knotty alder or pine.
- ☐ Grain filling on oak is either specified as a line item or excluded on purpose.
- ☐ A degreasing step appears in the prep, ahead of any sanding.
- ☐ Toe kicks, crown, filler strips, end panels and the pantry door are listed.
- ☐ The finish enamel and the sheen are named, and they are the same for doors and boxes.
- ☐ The Idaho contractor registration number is listed and you looked it up on the state site.
- ☐ The 2 year workmanship warranty language is in the written scope.

Want a real number for your place?

We walk the job, measure it, and put the scope in writing. Free, and there is no pressure attached.

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