

We continue to work hard to offer our customers the best possible experience, part of which is to provide as much information as possible that may be useful during the buying process. Wherever we can we don't use kitchen industry jargon, but even with the best of intentions there are times when we can't avoid it.

So to help you with choosing and purchasing your kitchen, here are some terms that you might come across on our site or when researching your new kitchen:

Appliance door	Standard-sized (715mm x 597mm) door that matches the rest of the kitchen and is fitted to an integrated appliance, e.g. dishwasher, washing machine, fridge/freezer (see below).
Blum	Components manufacturer.
Built-under	An appliance that is fitted below a worktop.
Cam & dowel	Wood and metal fixings used in construction of flat pack cabinets and furniture.
Carcass	Another term for a kitchen cabinet.
Cornice	Decorative feature used across the top of wall and tower units.
Drawer-line	Base unit with a single drawer at the top.
Egger board	Egger is the name of the manufacturer of this industry standard, furniture grade board.
End panel	Decorative panel used at the end of wall, base and tower units to match the doors.
Free-standing	Appliances and furniture that are not built into the kitchen, such as fridges and ovens.
Foil wrapped	Fine wrap glued to a door and used to imitate wood.
Glue & dowel	A stronger alternative to cam and dowel (see above) used to construct cabinets using glue and small wooden dowels. Glue and dowel cabinets are ready-assembled and not available for DIY.
Handing	The side of the door (left or right when facing it) where the hinges are – i.e. a left-handed door will have the hinges on the left and a right-handed door on the right.
Hi-line	Base unit without any drawers.
Housing	A kitchen cabinet (carcass) designed to fit an appliance, such as, oven and/or a microwave, fridges and freezers.

Integrated	An appliance that is built into the kitchen and is not free-standing (see above). This may include dishwashers and washing machines, and also microwaves and ovens that require an oven housing (see above).
Lacquered	Painted door with a gloss polyurethane finish giving a glass-like appearance.
Laminate	Flexible plastic moulded and bonded to pre-shaped MDF doors.
MDF	Medium Density Fibreboard – smooth, uniform manufactured composite wood product that will not warp.
MFC	Melamine Faced Chipboard – resin coated particles of softwood glued together to form a strong and stable board.
Overpainted	See ‘lacquered’.
Pelmet	Decorative feature used under wall units.
Pilaster	Vertical decorative feature used on base and wall units.
Plinth	Decorative feature used across the bottom of base and tower units.
Rigid construction	Ready assembled units using the glue and dowel process (see above), but not including legs.
Service gap	Space left behind both base and wall units to allow room for services, such as, pipe-work for gas, water, drainage, etc.
Soft close	Hinge with dampener, so doors and drawers do not slam shut.
Veneer	Very thin wooden sheet glued to an MDF door.