
THE KITCHEN RESET · FIELD NOTE 10

The touch points hiding in plain sight.

Around handles, a small amount of grease can collect repeatedly. A gentle, regular pass protects painted and finished cabinet fronts better than an occasional aggressive scrub.

YOUR KIT

Soft cloths; finish-approved cleaner; dry towel



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Three deliberate steps.

01 Check the finish

Identify painted, stained, laminate, or specialty fronts. Test the approved cleaner in a discreet spot and inspect after drying.

02 Work around the handles

Wipe the high-touch areas with a lightly dampened cloth. Follow the door shape and keep excess moisture out of seams.

03 Dry the edges

Use a second cloth on corners, lower rails, and hardware. Inspect in side light without polishing away the original finish.

The final check.

- ☐ Handle surrounds clean
- ☐ Seams and bottom edges dry
- ☐ Finish unchanged after test

Know when to pause.

Avoid soaking, abrasive pads, and unapproved degreasers. Sticky or peeling finishes may need repair.

Touch points deserve a deliberate pass.

Always follow the surface maker's care instructions and product label. Never mix cleaning products. This guide is for ordinary household care, not hazardous-material remediation. Product-specific instructions take priority.

Related references and service information: Cleaning and disinfecting: CDC

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