

SKILLED WORKER: JOINER AND CABINET MAKER



What do Joiners and Cabinet Makers do?



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- Plan, build and repair cabinets, doors, frameworks, floors, stairs, ceilings and other wooden structures.
- Plan and build furniture such as tables, chairs, sofas, wardrobes and beds.
- Measure, layout, cut and assemble materials made of wood and wood substitutes such as laminates.
- Join pieces of wood using adhesives, screws, nails, and joints.
- Attach fittings such as handles, latches, locks and hinges.
- Read and make sketches, plans and technical drawings.
- Finish wooden surfaces by sanding, staining, painting and decorating.
- Develop creative ideas for products and projects.
- Re-design and re-finish wooden structures and furniture.

Joiners and Cabinet Makers make, install and repair custom and factory-made structures and products made from wood and wood substitutes. They also re-design and refinish products made from wood.

Where do Joiners and Cabinet Makers Work?

- ~ homes, shops, factories, office buildings, hospitals, mills, mines, furniture or cabinetry businesses, repair shops, construction sites

Skills and Personal Characteristics:

- Enjoy working with wood
- Able to follow written instructions
- Enjoy practical hands-on work
- Good spoken communication skills
- A careful and methodical approach to work
- Able to work with a high degree of accuracy
- Good manual dexterity and hand/eye coordination
- Able to read technical drawings and specifications
- Good problem solving skills
- Good basic maths and measurement skills

Related Industry Occupations:

- ~ Assembler
- ~ Wood Machinist
- ~ Finishing Carpenter
- ~ Carpenter
- ~ Trim Carpenter
- ~ Furniture Maker

What are the Working Conditions?

- Standing and bending for long periods of time
- May be noisy
- Heavy lifting
- Generally indoor work in a shop setting
- Work with chemicals and adhesives
- Require ventilation for dust and fumes
- Personal Protective Equipment required
- May work on ladders

