

Fitting a Belfast Sink



As the sink is often the focal point of the kitchen, fitting a new kitchen sink can give a revitalising lift to a tired room. There is such a wide range of sinks available there is a sink to seamlessly match any style of kitchen from an ultra modern minimalist undermounted sink to a more traditional ceramic Belfast sink.

A Belfast sink can often become more of a focal point in a kitchen than most sinks. If a Belfast sink is the sink of choice, there are a few key steps to follow in order to smoothly fit the sink within the work surface. If this easy step by step guide is followed then the fitting of a perfectly integrated Belfast sink should not present any problems.

Before installing a New Sink

It is important to check whether the current plumbing and pipes are long enough to reach the desired location for the new sink. It may be necessary to extend the hot and cold water pipes as well as the waste system in order for the new sink to reach the new pipes before installation of the new sink is started.

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Belfast sinks should have an overhang at the side and the back of **10mm**.

The depth of the cut out should enable the top of the front top edge to project out by **half the width of the sink wall thickness**.

2

Make the cut out using **jigs and a router** rather than a jigsaw for accuracy.

3

Do a trial run first by putting all the pieces together to make sure they fit on and in the base unit.

It is important to remember to leave a 5mm gap for expansion between the edges and end and walls of the sink.

4

Fit all rails and under work surface supports when happy with the position of the sink and fittings.

5

Fix the sink to the base unit with beaded silicone and leave to set.

6

Remove the **aerator** from the **tap** and **turn the water supply on at the shut off valves** to flush the system, after a few minutes **reconnect the aerator**.