HDPE Kitchen with Doors, Shelves & Drawers

Stucco Kitchen with Stainless Steel Doors

A CONSUMER'S GUIDE TO OUTDOOR KITCHENS

A COMPARISON OF WOOD, STUCCO, STONE, STAINLESS STEEL, PVC & HDPE

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WOOD

ADVANTAGES

- Wide selection—wood cabinets can be purchased in any big box store or kitchen cabinet shop
- Available in many price ranges
- Multiple finish stains (colors) are available
- Upper and lower cabinets (just like your indoor kitchen)
- Will support the countertop of your choice

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WOOD

DISADVANTAGES

- Unlike trees, wood cabinets are not meant to be outdoors
- They will rot, crack, peel, swell and fall apart
- Maintenance—regular staining, painting or sealing is required
- Deterioration—over time, they become eyesores, and need to be replaced or repaired

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STUCCO & STONE

ADVANTAGES

- Often the cheapest
- Stucco can be painted to match the exterior of your home
- Stone or stone accents can be matched to your home's exterior
- Stainless steel drawers can be inserted for storage
- Wood or stainless steel access doors can be added
- Will support the countertop of your choice

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STUCCO & STONE

DISADVANTAGES

- Built over a wood or aluminum frame, such a kitchen is basically a frame with a countertop. It may come with doors that open to the inside of the unfinished frame, which often has no floor

- Adding stainless steel drawers for storage or doors for access makes these kitchens much less cost effective
- May require pouring a concrete slab
- Rough surfaces attract dust
- A pest and trash magnet—hard to reach, the inside becomes a nesting place for spiders and insects and a collection spot for trash

Debris and Potential Pests

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STAINLESS STEEL

ADVANTAGES

- Sleek, industrial look
- Stainless comes in a variety of powder finishes
- Offered in both upper and lower cabinets
- Cabinets available with shelves and drawers
- Cabinets match your appliances
- Will support the countertop of your choice

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STAINLESS STEEL

DISADVANTAGES

- Stainless steel outdoor kitchens are expensive
- Stainless will rust, pit, stain and discolor
- Not maintenance friendly, requires constant care

Quotes from Stainless Steel Manufacturers:

"Chemicals like chlorine and muriatic acid (used when cleaning pavers) and salt from the ocean will mar the stainless if not cleaned regularly."

"In a salt air environment, small amounts of rust may accumulate on stainless steel."

"Do not permit citrus or tomato juice to remain on stainless steel surfaces, as citric acid will permanently discolor stainless steel. Wipe up any spills immediately"

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PVC (Polyvinyl Chloride)

WHAT IS A POLYMER?

Some companies are building outdoor cabinets out of PVC. PVC is a type of polymer. The word “polymer” is as broad as the word “metal.” It’s like describing both zinc washers and gold engagement rings as “metal rings.” All polymers are not suitable for outdoor kitchen applications. To appreciate how vague the term “polymer” is, consider the fact that the items below are all polymer:

Plastic Bags

Wetsuit

PVC Pipes

Plastic Bottles

Teflon Coating

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PVC

ADVANTAGES

- PVC cabinets are cheaper than cabinets manufactured using High Density Polyethylene (HDPE)
- Will support the countertop of your choice

DISADVANTAGES

- Not UV stable, must be painted for protection from the sun
- It can “chalk” and warp and is often brittle
- Less durable than, and inferior to, cabinets built with HDPE
- Requires on-going maintenance
- Does not handle extreme temperatures well
- Cabinets are often built without a back panel, with the wall they are attached to serving as the back of the cabinet

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HDPE (High Density Polyethylene)

HOW THIS POLYMER EXCELS

Werever builds cabinetry with UV-stabilized High Density Polyethylene (HDPE), also a polymer. HDPE has been engineered with the ideal ratio of impact-absorbing forgiveness while maintaining optimal structural integrity. It outperforms every other material in the outdoor cabinet industry.

Can simply be hosed off—inside and out

ADVANTAGES

- Waterproof, weatherproof & maintenance-free
- Exposure to salt water, rain, snow, chlorinated pool water and humidity won't hurt HDPE

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HDPE

ADVANTAGES (CONT.)

- Stain Resistant
  - HDPE is extremely stain resistant. Nothing will stick to it, little will cause it to stain. The color of the material is solid throughout.
- Functional
  - With drawers and shelves for storage, just like your inside kitchen.

Stain Resistance

BEFORE AFTER

Functionality

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HDPE

ADVANTAGES (CONT.)

- UV-Protected
  - Fade-resistant, even in direct sunlight
- Looks great accented with stone, brick or tile
- Will support your choice of countertop
- Adjustable shelves
- Proprietary interlocking joints (for strength)*
- Adjustable leveling legs
- 11 colors to choose from

* These features are available only in Werever™ and Soleic® cabinets, manufactured by Werever Outdoor Cabinets™

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HDPE

ADVANTAGES (CONT.)

- Choice of door styles
- Hardware-free drawer slides (no metal or ball bearings to rust or fail)*
- Will never require paint or stain
- Made in the USA
- Built to last a lifetime—with a lifetime retail warranty
- 100% recyclable material
- Free custom design
- Many options available, including: toe kicks, upper cabinets, crown moulding, stem holders and open display shelves

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HDPE

DISADVANTAGES

- Less cost-effective up front—very cost-effective in the long-run
- A built-in grill will require a heat liner
- Cannot be stained or painted (paint will not stick)

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MATERIALS COMPARISON CHART

OUTDOOR CABINET FEATURES	WOOD	STONE & STUCCO	STAINLESS STEEL	PVC	HDPE
Finished Storage Space	✓		✓	✓	✓
Drawers & Shelves	✓		✓	✓	✓
Will Not Rust, Rot or Corrode		✓		✓	✓
Easy Access for Cleaning	✓		✓	✓	✓
Hardware-Free Drawer Slides					✓
Upper Cabinets Available	✓		✓	✓	✓
Interlocking Joints					✓
Little Maintenance Required		✓			✓
Lifetime Warranty					✓

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