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**Idea Home – Cabinets & Countertop Features**

<b>Area</b>	<b>Issue</b>	<b>Reason</b>	<b>Supplied By</b>	<b>Installed By</b>
Cabinets	Drawers	Except for areas under sinks and corner cabinets, all lower cabinets have drawers, which makes it easier to locate, store and remove items	Tharp Cabinets	Tharp Cabinets
Drawers	Drawer slides	All drawers have full extension, which allows full exposure of the contents in a drawer.	Tharp Cabinets	Tharp Cabinets
Drawers	Drawer slides	All drawers have soft-close slides that minimize shifting of items in a drawer when they close	Tharp Cabinets	Tharp Cabinets

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Drawers	All drawers have organizers	All drawers have organizers, especially for silverware, plates, and pots/pans to keep them organized and in place	Rev-A-Shelf	Tharp Cabinets
Cabinets	Inside sink cabinets, there are slides to easily pull items out	To better see and reach items that are stored in cabinets	Tharp Cabinets	Tharp Cabinets
Cabinets	Cabinet backs have slats of wood instead of solid wood	There are many places where smart electrical outlets are used for LED strip lighting in cabinets. Instead of cutting the back of the cabinets during installation, these strips are placed where outlets will not be placed.	Tharp Cabinets	Tharp Cabinets
Pulls	All cabinet door and drawer pulls are C- or D-style handles	C- and D-style handles have closed ends, which prevents items like purses, bags, clothing, etc. from being snagged.		Tharp Cabinets
Cabinets & Drawer Interiors	All interior surfaces of cabinets and drawers are a light wood color	Light colored surfaces are easier to see items in a poorly lit environment	Tharp Cabinets	Tharp Cabinets

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Countertops	Quartz countertops	Quartz countertops are less prone to staining and don't have to be periodically sealed		
Countertops	Countertops have non-busy color surfaces	Busy countertop surfaces makes it difficult to see small items on the surface of counters		
Cabinets	Countertop edges	All exposed front and side edges are ground smooth with an ogee-style edge. Chiseled countertop edges are prone to abrading skin.		
Carousels	Corner cabinets	All lower corner cabinets have rotating carousels to bring items around.	Rev-A-Shelf	Tharp Cabinets
Cabinet Lighting	LED Strip Lighting	Many interior cabinets, above counter cabinet bases and toekicks have dimmable LED lighting as accents	Rev-A-Shelf	

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Sink and soaking tub mounting	All sinks and Primary Bath soaking tubs are undercounter mounted	It is much easier to clean countertops that have drains for them to be mounted under the countertop. Further, undercounter mounting means that the sinks edges don't collect debris and mold can grow in these areas.		Marathon Mechanical
Kitchen & bar elevated cabinets	Tempered glass panels to see inside cabinets	This makes it easier to see what items are in each		