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GALLEY KITCHENS

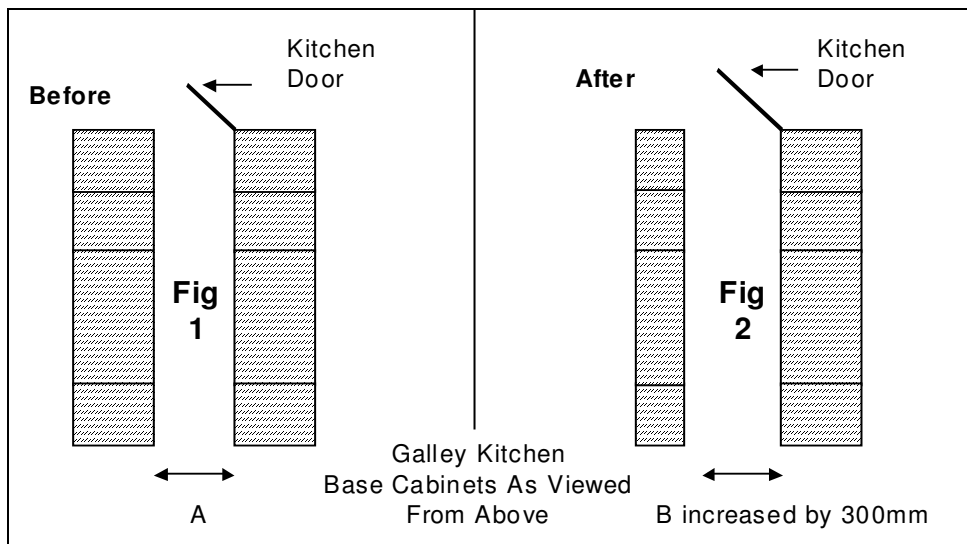
Galley kitchens are those that are long and narrow. Although there is not much scope to in the design of them the following may help to increase the 'corridor' space

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Many Galley kitchens leave barely enough space to open cupboards fully and are nearly always too tight for two people to pass each other. An excellent way to increase the floor space but not detract from the look of the kitchen is as the diagram below.

Fig 1 on the left shows a view from above of a galley kitchen with base units fitted to each wall and minimal floor space in between (A). This way of fitting base units is the traditional method if you need to maximise on cupboard storage space.

Fig 2 however, provides a means to increase the floor space and distance between cupboards (B) by up to 300mm (12"). Although it may not seem a great improvement, anybody with experience of galley kitchens will confirm that any extra floor space is a luxury.



The base cupboards on the left in Fig 2 are simply standard height wall cupboards and are fitted with adjustable legs. The width of the worktop is then cut to suit the cupboards, standard doors and plinth are fitted and the result is the same as base units but slimmer. Legs are available from most suppliers and should be fitted to each corner of the cupboards, 40mm in from the edge to accommodate the plinth. Colour matched side panels can be cut from standard base unit panels. The only drawback to this method is the loss of cupboard space and that built in appliance may not be fitted to the side with modified cabinets.