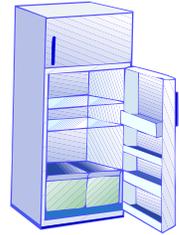


## BASIC APPLIANCES

REFRIGERATORS are becoming more aesthetically pleasing, offer more storage and convenience, are easier to clean, and are becoming so DEEP that they are a MAJOR OBSTACLE for aisle way clearances. The refrigerator size which is planned for most often in cabinet designs is one that is 36" wide by 30" deep, by 70" tall. Be careful of DEPTH when shopping for your new Frig. They all look the same on Frig row at the appliance store, but will differ in depth from 24" clear up to 36". Counter depth refrigerator's are becoming increasingly popular, since they fit easily into any kitchen without restricting the aisle ways and are less expensive than their 24" deep Sub Zero cousins. Also be careful of the WIDTH as many refrigerators increase in width with the doors open and/or require the DOORS to open MORE THAN 90 DEGREES to fully extend the pull-out drawers.



RANGES are usually 30" wide, counter height and sit on the floor. A range has a cooking surface with an oven underneath it. An alternative is to have a cook top (which mounts into the countertop), and one or two wall ovens. A RANGETOP is similar, but is about 8 inches tall. The advantage of a wall oven is that you don't have to bend over to insert or remove dishes. A standard wall oven width is 30". The heights will vary and will dictate how high up into the cabinet it can be mounted. If you choose only one wall oven, a built in microwave can be mounted above it in the cabinet.



VENTING can be accomplished by either an overhead vent or downdraft duct. The overhead vent will take the form of a range hood or a Microwave vent hood which combines the functions of a microwave and overhead vent. The downdraft method vents your range or cook top through a duct which extends down into the floor and out of the side of the home.



MICROWAVES are becoming sleeker, smaller, and increasingly more necessary with most family's busy lifestyles. A BUILT-IN Microwave mounts into a tall cabinet (usually above a wall oven) or into a wall cabinet that is 18" to 21" deep. A trim kit is necessary to complete the built in look. A MICROVENT HOOD mounts above a cook top or range and has a vent built into the bottom of it. A PORTABLE microwave is one that can sit on the counter or on a shelf. Microwaves come in a great variety of sizes. My favorite is one that is 24" wide by about 12" tall by about 12" deep. It fits nicely on a standard depth wall cabinet that is an open shelf.



DISHWASHERS are almost always 24" wide and sit on the floor. They are also becoming very sleek, offering many convenient options. For person's who don't like bending over to access the dishwasher, a raised dishwasher cabinet is available. Dish drawers are also becoming increasingly popular, because of that same reason. Dish drawers are 24" wide and 16" high. A single dish drawer can be mounted on each side of the sink with CABINET drawers underneath. Or, two drawers can be mounted on top of each other, occupying a standard dishwasher space, with THE ADVANTAGE OF each drawer separating types of dirty dishes (extra greasy versus fine stemware).

