



## Designing with Farmhouse Doors

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### Questions:

- 1) Where can the Farmhouse doors be used to provide a design accent?
- 2) Why not use the Farmhouse Design on the entire kitchen?
- 3) Is too much of a good thing, really a good thing?
- 4) What role does proportion play when designing with an X shape?

### Main Points to remember:

- The Farmhouse doors were designed and intended for use as an accent piece. Think salt. Too little and your food is bland; too much and your food is inedible; you want to accent with just the right amount. Don't overdo it.
- Based on where the main entrances are in the kitchen, decide what the primary focal point will be: The fridge? The range hood? A pantry? An island back or end? Use that as a guide to place the Farmhouse Design where appropriate. Ultimately, let your customer decide what they are most comfortable with.
- This design does lend itself more to some species/finishes than others. Paints and knotty, rustic wood tones work very well with this design. Weathered surfaces are an extra complement that lends itself to this style.
- It's important to have a well-proportioned X. Don't stretch it too high or too wide, it will look disproportionate and it will detract from the design. You can adjust the width of the stiles or rails to help adjust the proportion, or you can make multiple panels wide/high. If two panels high, the top can be a typical flat panel (no X).