

# Farmhouse Apron-Front Kitchen Sink

# **INSTALLATION & CARE GUIDE**

## PRIOR TO INSTALLATION:

GET READY TO SPICE UP YOUR KITCHEN!
SETTING UP YOUR CHARMING KITCHEN SINK

#### Hello Kitchen Wizard!

We're over the moon to see you dive into the delightful adventure of jazzing up your kitchen with our kitchen sink. Welcome to the Los Flexi family - where kitchen dreams come true! We're here to make sure your sink installation is as silky smooth as a gourmet chocolate ganache.

## As you gear up, here's a sprinkle of wisdom to ensure a perfect installation:

- When your shiny new sink lands at your doorstep, give it a good once-over.
   We're all about perfection and want to make sure it arrives looking spick-and-span.
- Stick to those plumbing and building codes, just like a recipe! They're crucial for a safe, by-the-book setup.
- Some extra prep might be on the menu to make sure your sink fits and stays as safe as a cookie in a jar.
- Picking the right cabinet for your farmhouse kitchen sink is key think of it like choosing the perfect wine to pair with dinner. Farmhouse base cabinets should ideally be 3 inches more spacious than your sink.
- We recommend not to use laminate countertops it's all about keeping your kitchen's style and sturdiness on point.
- Our sink dimensions are like approximate baking times always good to double-check. Ensure your cabinet space is just right to avoid any "Oops!" moments.
- Not a DIY guru? No worries! Sometimes it's best to call in the professional installers. Remember, Los Flexi's not on the hook for any installation oopsies.

## **Installation Insights**

- Your cabinet needs to be as stable and level as a master chef's hand. It's all
  about giving your sink a solid throne.
- Choose your screws wisely too long and they might crash the cabinet party next door, too short and they won't hold the fort.

Ready to turn your kitchen into the hottest spot in your house? We're just an email away at cs@losflexi.com if you hit a pickle. We're super excited for you to bask in the glory of your new kitchen sink.

Happy installing, and here's to a fabulous kitchen transformation!

Kitchen Sink Regards, The Los Flexi Team

## TOOLS AND MATERIALS REQUIRED (not supplied)



# **ADDITIONAL MATERIAL (OPTIONAL)**

## For Apron Front Installation

2x4 inch plywood \* 2

## PACKAGE INCLUDED

- · Kitchen Sink
- · Stainless Steel Bottom Grid
- · Stainless Steel Kitchen Sink Drain Strainer

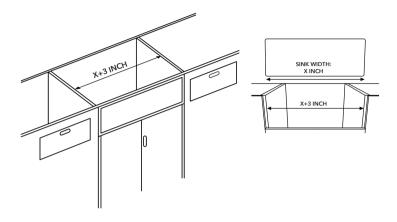
#### NOTE:

The package contents may vary depending on the product model. For detailed information, please refer to the specific model on losflexi.com.

## **INSTALLATION STEPS**

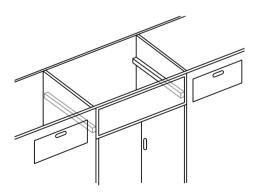
## 1. Cabinet Preparation

• Base cabinets for farmhouse kitchen sinks need to be 3 inches wider than the sink's actual dimensions (X).



- Determine the exact height of the sink.
- Construct internal support frames in the cabinet with drill according to the dimensions of the sink. 2x4 inch plywood is preferred.
- Add vertical plywood for additional support if required.

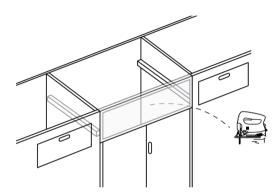
**NOTE:** Custom cabinetry might be necessary for the farmhouse sink. It's advisable to seek help from a skilled cabinet maker and provide them with the actual sink for a precise fit.



## 2. Cutting Cabinet Front

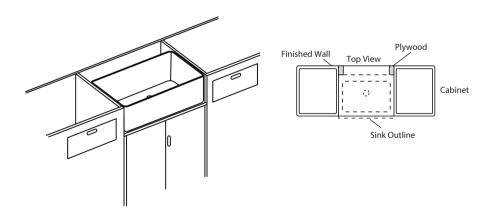
- Measure the apron's height, then add 1/16 inch for the cut mark on the cabinet front.
- Mark the cutting line with the painter's tape and a pencil for accuracy and neat cutting.
- Use a jigsaw for the cutting process.

**NOTE:** Please wear safety glasses and cut-resistant gloves with a non-slip grip to prevent injury during cutting.



#### 3. Sink Installation

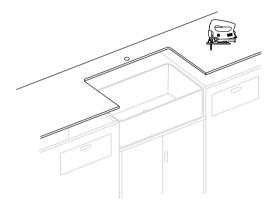
- Gently position the sink into its slot, ensuring the support frames hold its weight.
- Use level to make sure the sink is leveled horizontally and vertically.
- Employ shims for adjustments to achieve perfect leveling.



## 4. Countertop Cutting

- Mark the actual size of cabinet for cutting, using the painter's tape and a pencil to mark.
- No template is provided due to the custom nature of the installation.
- Los Flexi advises giving the actual sink to the cabinet maker before installation.
- It is suggested that the sink be installed with about a 1/8 inch positive reveal It is also advised that installers confirm with the customer that this final look meets their expectations.

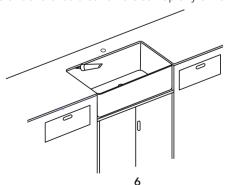
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### 5. Countertop and Plumbing Installation

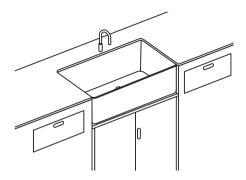
- Apply adhesive around the rim of the sink.
- Ensure the sink aligns with the countertop cutout.
- Place the cut countertop over the sink and press it firmly.
- Attach the drain trap and water supply to the faucet as the manufacturer quidelines.

**TIP:** Use acetone or denatured alcohol to clean up any extra adhesive.



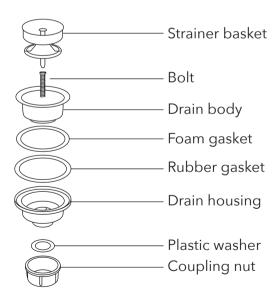
### 6. Leak Test

- Turn on the water to fill the sink and inspect for any leaks.
- Adjust as needed to ensure no leakage.

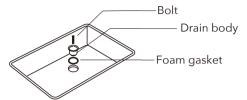


#### 7. Install the Strainer

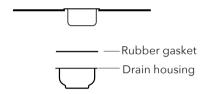
• Take out the strainer from the box and unscrew the bolt on the drain body before installing.



Place drain body and foam gasket into the drain opening of the sink, then
insert the bolt into the drain body.



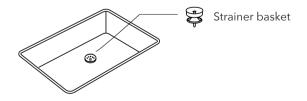
• From the underside of the sink, slide the rubber gasket and drain housing over the bolt. Use a screwdriver to tighten the bolt from the top.



• Place the plastic washer inside of the tailpiece (not included). Slide the coupling nut over the tailpiece and thread it onto the drain housing until tight.



• Place the strainer basket into the drain body.



## PRODUCT CLEANING & CARE

**Regular Cleaning:** Clean your sink regularly using mild dish soap or detergent and warm water. Use a soft cloth for cleaning and rinse thoroughly afterwards. Dry the sink with a soft cloth to prevent water spots.

**Non-Abrasive Approach:** Avoid using harsh abrasives, caustic cleaners, scouring pads, or steel wool on your sink, These can damage the surface and cause discoloration. Instead, opt for gentle cleaning methods.

**Avoid Stains:** Keep coffee grounds, tea bags, and similar staining materials off the fireclay surface to prevent stains. If contact occurs, clean promptly.

**Protect From Heat:** Never place hot pans or baking sheets directly from the stove or oven into the sink. Use a trivet or rolling mat to shield the sink from extreme temperatures and prevent heat damage.

**Stain Removal:** For tougher stains, use a 50/50 mix of water and bleach or vinegar, or a non-abrasive cleaner.

**Preventative Maintenance:** Keep the sink free from standing water to prevent mineral buildup. Clean any mineral deposits with a mild vinegar and water solution.

**Proper Installation And Care:** Ensure your sink is correctly installed and consult with a professional if necessary. Regularly inspect the sink for any damage and address it promptly to maintain its condition.

## TROUBLESHOOTING GUIDE

#### PROBLEM & RECOMMENDED ACTION

### Water Leakage

Examine the area under the sink for any signs of water or dampness. Pay special attention to the connections and joints.

Use a dry cloth or paper towel to wipe around the base of the faucet, drain, and pipes. Any wetness on the cloth indicates a possible leak.

Turn off all sources of noise and listen carefully for any dripping sounds coming from the faucet or pipes.

Fill the sink with water, then release the drain. As the water drains, observe for any leaks from the drain pipes underneath.

Look at the seals around the faucet and sink. Any cracks, wear, or gaps could be sources of leaks.

## **Clogged Drains**

First, attempt to manually remove any visible obstruction by reaching into the drain.

If manual removal is unsuccessful, use a chemical drain cleaner designed to dissolve blockages. Note that results may vary.

Employ a plunger to try and dislodge the clog through suction.

If the clog persists, it may be necessary to call a plumber for expert assistance.

#### **Clogged Faucets**

Check for clogs by unscrewing the faucet end and examining the strainer for debris.

In areas with hard water, or if the sink has not been used for an extended period, inspect for mineral buildup in the faucet.

If simple checks don't resolve the flow issue, consider consulting a plumber to explore deeper clogs within the pipes.

#### Stains And Discoloration

Regularly clean with non-abrasive cleaners.

For persistent stains, apply a baking soda or white vinegar, let it sit, then use a dishcloth to scrub gently.

#### Chips Or Cracks In Sink

Reach us via E-mail or telephone to change a new one in the warranty limitation.

Use a porcelain repair kit for small damages.

Seek professional repair for larger cracks or chips.

#### **Fitting And Installation Issues**

It is recommended to seek help from professionals when customers are new to remodeling.

Verify sink dimensions and adjust cabinet or countertop as needed.

Use shims for level fitting and seal gaps when adjusting it to level.

## IMPORTANT CONSUMER INFORMATION

## Consumer Responsibilities For Kitchen Sink Maintenance

- In areas with hard water, regularly clean the sink to prevent mineral buildup, particularly around the drain and faucet areas.
- Clean your kitchen sink weekly using non-abrasive cleaners to maintain its appearance and hygiene.
- Use soft-bristled brushes for thorough cleaning, especially in corners and around the drain to avoid deposit accumulation.
- Most non-abrasive cleaners are safe for your sink. Always follow specific instructions provided with the cleaning agents.

#### WARNING

- DO NOT use abrasive cleaners or harsh chemicals as they can damage the sink's surface.
- Avoid exposing the sink to extreme heat, as it may cause damage. Los Flexi is not liable for any heat-related damage.
- DO NOT dispose of materials like food waste, paper towels, or large debris in the sink to prevent clogs.
- Avoid hitting or dropping heavy objects on the sink to prevent cracks or chips.
- DO NOT use the sink with water temperatures below 0°C (32°F) to prevent damage from freezing.

## LIMITED WARRANTY COVERAGE

#### TWO YEAR LIMITED WARRANTY

Los Flexi products are crafted with superior materials and impeccable workmanship, offering our customers reliable and long-lasting products. If defects in materials or craftsmanship are detected under standard use within the first two years of installation, Los Flexi will either supply replacement parts at no charge or, if deemed necessary, replace the product or its parts.

This warranty is exclusive to the original purchaser, and proof of purchase is mandatory for any claim.

#### This Warranty Will Be Voided If:

- The product's installation did not follow our recommendations.
- The product was relocated from its initial installation site.
- The product underwent any modifications from its original condition.
- The product suffered from neglect, misuse, chemical overuse, accidents, or any other damages.

Los Flexi does not imply that our products adhere to local building or plumbing codes. Consumers must ascertain local code compliance before and during installation. This warranty is strictly for the original purchaser and first consumer.

Los Flexi won't be held responsible for any consequential damages linked to the product's installation, replacement, return, or usage. This includes, but is not limited to, freight charges, labor, downtime, home damages, and other associated costs (e.g., professional services, investigations, audits, legal fees). This Los Flexi warranty clearly delineates our liability. Items not specified in this warranty fall outside Los Flexi's responsibility. In states with variations concerning implied warranties, our compliance is ensured.

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