

10 Easy Steps to Configure Your Custom Cabinet

At California House, we make sure our furniture fits your needs. Selecting the right "custom" California House cabinet is a very easy process, and the benefits far outweigh selecting a generic, mass produced unit. We realize selecting the right furniture can be a daunting task, and most of the time you have absolutely no idea of what you are looking for or even how to find it. To make life easier, we have broken the selection process down into 10 easy steps to figure out what the right choice is for your client.

Let's get started.

- 1. MEASURE YOUR SPACE:** Before you begin, you will want to take measurements of the space you are allocating for your new custom A/V cabinetry. Measure (and write down) your wall space, depth available, and ceiling height.
- 2. MEASURE YOUR COMPONENTS:** To narrow down the correct CREDENZA configuration, you should measure the width, depth, and height of your: TV, DVD Player, Cable / Satellite Box, Receiver, Amp, etc. Also, if you have speakers that you would like "hidden" inside your unit behind speaker doors, measure those as well.
- 3. SELECT THE CREDENZA SIZE:** Select the width first. We recommend choosing a console that is at least 6" wider than your TV. Next, choose the height of the CREDENZA. If you are using a DLP or projection TV, we recommend a 25" high CONSOLE. If you are using a flat-screen LCD, LED, or Plasma, we recommend a 31" high CREDENZA. These heights place the screen closer to eye level while seated in your favorite chair or sofa.
- 4. SELECT THE CREDENZA CONFIGURATION:** This step is as much a personal aesthetic choice as anything else. You should take into account the size, quantity, and type of components you will be placing in the cabinet. Also keep in mind that shelves take up space, as does the top molding, base molding, etc. Finally, determine if you want to have a place for CD's or DVD's.
- 5. SELECT THE TOWER or PIER SIZE (Optional):** *TOWERS:* TOWER width = (Wall Space – CONSOLE width) / 2. (Example: You have 124" of wall space available and selected a 60" wide CREDENZA. Subtract 60" from 124", which is 64", and then divide by two. Each TOWER should be 32" wide.) Easy. Next, determine the appropriate height for the alcove or room. Allow some tolerance around the piece for installation and/or unlevel floors and walls. *PIERS:* To determine the desired size of the PIERS, subtract the width of your TV+6" from the width of the CONSOLE and divide by two. Example: With a 54" wide TV and an 88" CREDENZA: $88 - (54 + 6) = 28$. 28 divided by 2 is 14. Each PIER should be 14" wide. Again, also choose the overall height. Remember, TOWERS sit on the floor, PIERS sit on the CREDENZA.
- 6. SELECT THE TOWER or PIER CONFIGURATION:** This is a totally personal choice. Doors vs. no doors; glass vs. wood shelves, lights vs. no lights. The choice is yours.
- 7. SELECT THE BRIDGE or HUTCH (Optional):** Our recommendation is to choose a BRIDGE if you are looking to set the television on top of the console. We recommend a HUTCH if you are looking to mount your television to the back panel of your cabinet.
- 8. SELECT THE BRIDGE or HUTCH SIZE:** With TOWERS, the width of the BRIDGE or HUTCH is the same as the CREDENZA. With PIERS, the width of the BRIDGE or HUTCH is the width of the CREDENZA minus the PIERS. For example, an 88" wide CREDENZA and 14" wide PIERS, the width of the BRIDGE or HUTCH would be $88 - 14 - 14 = 60$ ". The height found by taking the overall height of the TOWERS and subtracting the height of the CREDENZA.
- 9. SELECT THE STYLE & FINISH:** We offer five standard styles from which to choose. Please select from CINEMA, LAGUNA, STAGES, DONINGTON, or NAPA, or CUSTOMER CUSTOM. Next, select the desired finish color and wood species from any of our 30+ selections. If you do not find anything you like, we will custom match a color of your choice for an additional fee.
- 10. SELECT OPTIONS:** The final step in selecting your "custom" Home Entertainment unit is to select any Options you may want. Most common changes are door inserts (Speaker, Glass, or Wood), and back panels in our units with BRIDGES.