

Popular Faucet Types and Their Hole Specifications

Faucet Type	Standard Hole Size	Best Applications	Installation Difficulty (1-5)
Single-Hole Faucets	1⅜" (35mm)	Small bathrooms, minimalist kitchens	★ ★ (Easy)
Centerset Faucets	1¼" (32mm) × 3 holes	Standard bathrooms, children's sinks	★ ★ ★ (Moderate)
Widespread Faucets	1¼"-1½" (32-38mm) × 3 holes	Luxury bathrooms, master suites	★ ★ ★ ★ (Challenging)
Wall-Mounted Faucets	N/A (Wall installation)	Modern kitchens, vessel sinks	★ ★ ★ ★ ★ (Expert)

Single-Hole Faucets

Precise Diameter: 1 3/8 inches (35 mm), though premium models may require 1 1/2 inches (38.1 mm) for enhanced stability with larger decorative bases.

Ideal Applications: Perfect for smaller sinks, minimalist design aesthetics, or space-constrained installations requiring sleek, contemporary styling. Porcelain sinks often require specialized drill bits to create clean, chip-free holes of this size.

Centerset Faucets

Standard Hole Diameter: 1 1/4 inches (31.75 mm) per hole for optimal fitting and secure mounting. Cast iron sinks may have slightly different requirements—check our downloadable spec sheet for material-specific guidelines.

Critical Spacing Requirement: 4 inches (101.6 mm) center-to-center measurement between outer holes for proper alignment.

Best Installation Scenarios: Ideally suited for compact bathroom sinks or secondary kitchen sinks with limited counter space. Natural stone countertops require professional drilling to achieve these precise dimensions.

Widespread Faucets

Professional Diameter Range: 1 1/4 to 1 1/2 inches (31.75 – 38.1 mm)per hole depending on fixture quality and design specifications.

Customizable Spacing Options: 6 – 12 inches (152.4 – 304.8 mm)between handle centers, offering flexible installation possibilities.

Recommended Applications: Perfect complement to larger sinks, premium countertops, or design-forward installations requiring sophisticated aesthetics. Laminate countertops may require additional reinforcement around these standard faucet hole sizes.

Wall-Mounted Faucets: No sink holes required; specialized wall spacing depends on manufacturer specifications and plumbing configuration (always verify exact measurements in product documentation).

Understanding your sink's faucet hole size and configuration ensures you'll select the right fixture the first time, avoiding costly mistakes and achieving professional results in your bathroom or kitchen renovation.