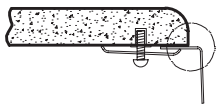
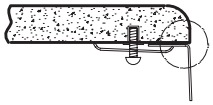
UNDERMOUNT ASSEMBLY

Steps to Complete Your Undermount Sink Project

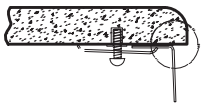
- **Determine reveal type:** positive, flush (also known as zero) or a negative reveal.
- **For layout,** you may use the included template or request a .dfx file. Remember to allow clearance for clips, faucet, soap dispenser, etc.
- **Cut countertop** using the template.
- **Before applying silicone** and clips, place the sink under the cut-out to ensure a nice fit.
- **Use ALL mounting clips** provided with the sink. On the underside of the countertop, about 3/4'' or closer, depending on the space available from the edge of sink's flange, mark spots for clip locations at flange corners and every 6'' to 7'' apart around the sink flange. Secure the clips at the marked locations loosely.
- **Clean sink's flange** and countertop where the flange will be mounted with a solvent such as denatured alcohol. Dry thoroughly.
- **Apply silicone** around sink's flange, and position sink accordingly. Make sure it's aligned to the cutout opening. Completely tighten all clips.
- **Carefully** remove any excess silicone and allow it to cure following manufacturer's instructions. After silicone cures, wipe inside edge with denatured alcohol. This will smooth out any rough areas.



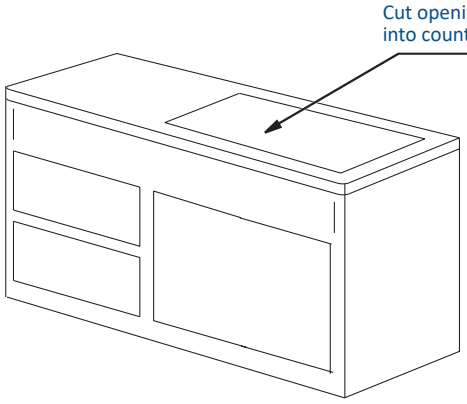
Positive reveal - countertop's edge sits back 1/8" back from the edge of the sink, exposing the sink's rim

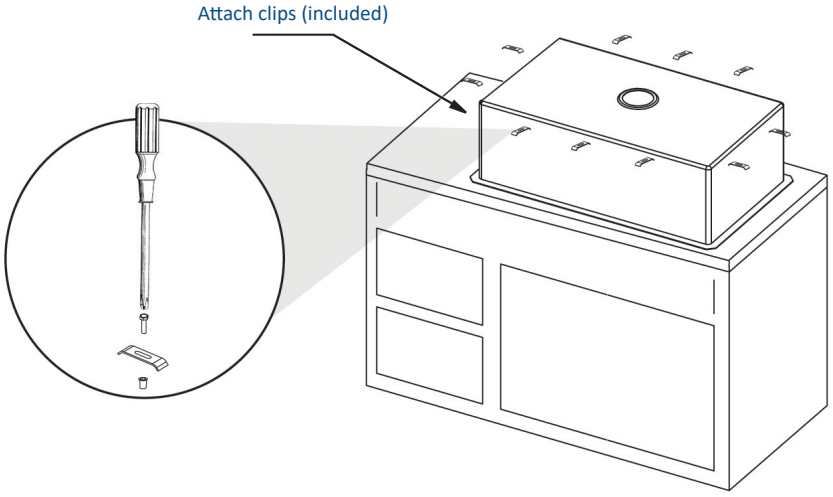


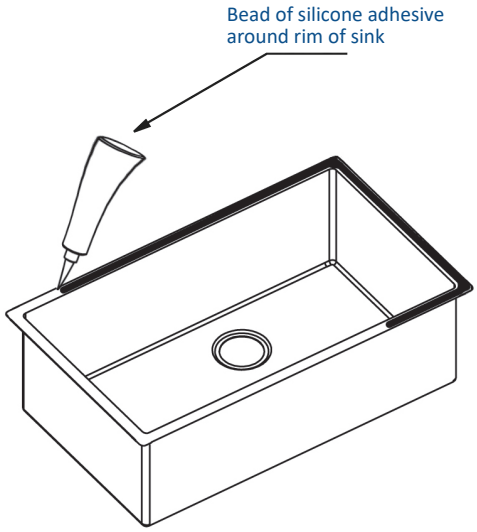
Flushed reveal - counter is flush with edge of sink

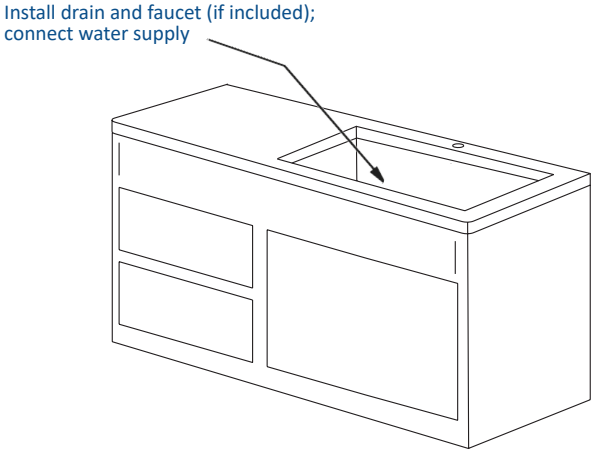


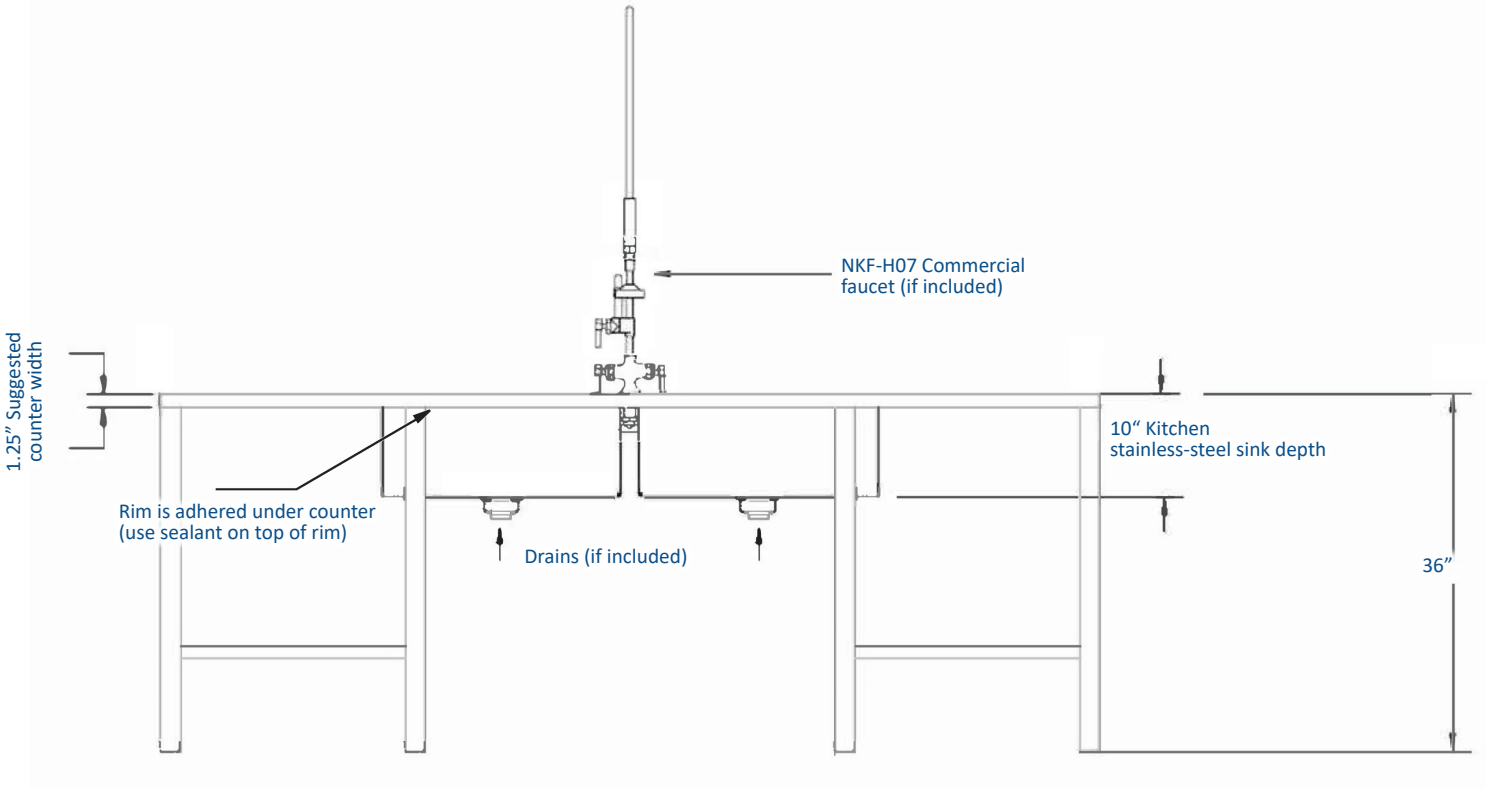
Negative reveal - countertop extends over the edge of the sink 1/8" on all sides. Make sure all accessories such as cutting boards will fit properly.











TROUBLESHOOTING TIPS - UNDERMOUNT

Issue	Reason	Solution
Sink seems to be sagging/separating from countertop	Silicon didn’t set long enough before using; mounting clips not used	Reattach, set for 24hrs; add clips or brackets to secure the sink
Does not completely drain	Drain is too high; excess silicone/ putty wasn’t removed causing a dam	Make sure drain flange is below bevel or flushed with sink; remove excess
Finish is changing color or is scratched	Abrasive cleaners, utensils or other factors constantly in contact w/ sink.	Use gentle cleaners, rinse sink often; add grid to bottom for protection

Apron Front & Undermount Sinks - Please Note:

- Review and abide by all building and plumbing codes.
- Novatto sinks need to be installed by a professional.
- Evaluate your current or desired cabinetry. If you are building or remodeling a kitchen from scratch, you will be able to choose cabinets specifically made for farmhouse kitchen sinks. The importance of the cutout is the doors below will be built according to the area needed for the sink chosen.
- Novatto recommends using the cutout template and/or .dxf file for precise cuts.
- Be careful when unpacking the sink, stainless-steel sink edges are sharp and can cause serious injuries. Use gloves and handle sink edges with caution. We advise setting the sink on the packing it came in.
- When cleaning up after installation, DO NOT USE ABRASIVE CLEANERS, as they may damage the finish. Use gentle soap and warm water with a washcloth to clean the surface.

CARE AND MAINTENANCE

To keep your sink looking its best, rinse it thoroughly after each use and wipe it dry with a soft, clean cloth to prevent water spots and mineral buildup. Regular cleaning is essential, so aim to clean your sink at least once a week. When doing so, always use non-abrasive cleaners and tools such as soft cloths or sponges with a stainless-steel cleaner. Avoid using steel wool, wire brushes, or abrasive pads, as these can scratch and damage the surface. Additionally, when applying cleaner, work in the direction of the sink’s grain to maintain its finish.

For stubborn hard water stains, vinegar is an effective cleaning solution. Coating the sink with distilled white vinegar after scrubbing can help eliminate mineral deposits. Baking soda is another excellent option for cleaning, as it acts as a mild abrasive that removes stains without scratching. To protect your sink further, avoid letting bleach sit on its surface, as it can harm the finish over time.

Using sink accessories such as bottom racks and rinse baskets can help shield the sink from scratches and dents. To maintain a sanitary surface, incorporate natural antibacterial products like baking soda, white vinegar, lemon juice, or dish soap into your cleaning routine. These solutions not only disinfect but also keep your sink fresh and clean. With proper care and attention, your sink will remain spotless and durable for years to come.