

Countertops... Which surface is right for you?

Laminate?



Solid Surface ?



Granite ?



Quartz ?



When it comes time to choose a countertop, there are can be many things to consider. Each of the materials that are most common on the market have various attributes and cost differences. The selections below are the most typical choices in countertops today. There are also other choices such as marble, tile, concrete, wood, and stainless. Ask your designer about other choices.

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	Laminates	Solid Surface	Granite	Quartz
Composition	Thin layer of veneer glued to particleboard. Color and pattern on surface only.	Blend of acrylic. Color and pattern solid all the way through.	Igneous rock forms granite and mica. Color and pattern run all the way through.	Typically 93% quartz bound with resin & pigments.
Appearance	Hundreds / thousands of colors to choose from. Seams & Joints can be noticeable.	Large variety of colors and brands like Corian. Seamless decks, bowls and cove backsplash.	Rich, dramatic colors mined all over the world. Glossy finish Seams can be noticeable. Back-splash may not fit curve in wall.	Appearance of granite. Glossy finish. Seams the same as granite. Installed by granite fabricators.
Cleanability	Hand scrubbing and some harsh cleaners may damage the finish.	Non-porous, resists stains Impervious to mold & bacteria. Use most household cleaners.	Porous material, may stain. Visible seams can trap dirt & germs Mild cleaners only and occasional polish. Sealing may be required.	Non-porous surface. Reists stains. Most household cleaners. No SEALING REQUIRED.
Durability	Minimum heat resistance. Cannot cut on surface. Scratches, not repairable. Water may damage seams.	Some heat resistance, trivets are recommended. Cannot cut on surface. Scratches can be removed. Repairable by fabricator.	High heat resistance. Cutting & rolling on surface will not harm. Chips and cracks are unlikely, and are not repairable.	Heat resistant but trivets are recommended. Chips and cracks are unlikely, and not repairable.
Design Versatility	Choose many edge details. Rolled edge, cove backsplash seams may be visible.	Can be cut, formed, inlayed and routed for any design. Several sink options, and can undermount stainless.	Can be fabricated to most any shape. Choose various edge details and stacked edges. Undermount sinks are typical.	Can be fabricated to most any shape. Choose various edge details and stacked edges. Undermount sinks are typical.
Value	Most affordable choice. Costs less up front. Un-repairable if damaged.	Keeps new appearance with minimum maintenance. Refinishable & repairable	Increased home's value. One - of - a - kind piece. Product of mother nature.	Increased home's value. One of today's most popular selections for counter tops.
Warranty	One year typical for defects. Does not cover damage from abuse, everyday wear or improper installation.	10-Year installed warranty Covers labor & material.	Local fabricator warranty. Upgrade to permanent sealant extends warranty.	Typically 10 year product warranty. Backed by major brands, and registered at product installation.
Brands	Formica, Wilsonart, Nevamar, Pionite	Corian, Meganite, Wilsonart Solid Surface	Mother Nature made granite! Mined in Italy, India, Brazil, Africa, & Europe	Cambria, Wilsonart, Caesarstone, Silestone Zodiaq & Others
Installation	Installed by contractors, handy homeowners & kitchen installers with screws & bolts at joints.	Kitchens installed by manufacturer certified installers. Field joints are chemically bonded.	Installed by local stone shops, experts in handing the weight of the material, and the seaming at your home.	Installed by authorized stone shops, trained by the manufacturer Experts in handling the weight and the seaming.

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Backsplash Ideas



Tile Backsplash



Granite Backsplash



Solid Surface Backsplash



Postform Laminate Backsplash

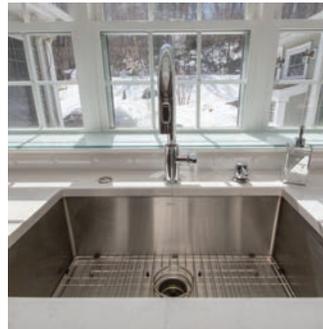
Sink Options



Top Mount Stainless Sink



Cast Iron Farmer's Sink



Undermount Stainless Sink



Corian Seamless Sink

Edge Details



Pencil Edge for Stone



No-Drip Edge for Laminate



Ogee Edge for Granite



Small Ogee for Solid Surface

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