

Kitchen Countertop Comparison Chart

Which Surface Is Right For You?

Features	 LAMINATE	 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 of colors to choose from. Seams & joints can be noticeable.	Large variety of colors and brands like Corian. Seamless decks, bowls and cove backsplash.	Variety of colors mined from all over the world. Seams can be noticeable. Backsplash may have some gaps next to wall.	Engineered product, so color is more consistent than granite. Seams and backsplash are the same as granite.
Cleanability	Finish may be damaged by harsh cleaners or hand scrubbing.	Non-porous, stain & bacteria resistant. OK with most household cleaners.	Porous material, not stain or bacteria resistant. Mild cleaners recommended. Sealing may be required.	Non-porous, stain & bacteria resistant. OK with most household cleaners. No sealing required.
Durability	Not heat, scratch or water resistant. Damage is unrepairable.	Some heat resistance. Not scratch resistant. Damage <u>is</u> repairable by fabricator.	High heat & scratch resistance. Chips/cracks, while unlikely, are not repairable.	Not heat resistant. Chips/cracks, while unlikely, are not repairable.
Design Versatility	Variety of edge details available. Some seams may be visible. Typically paired with a drop-in sink.	Can be fabricated to any design. Variety of edge details available. Integrated or undermount sink.	Can be fabricated to almost any design. Very versatile. Variety of edge details available. Undermount sink.	Can be fabricated to almost any design. Very versatile. Variety of edge details available. Undermount sink.
Value	Typically one of the most affordable countertop options available.	Requires minimal maintenance. Is refinishable and repairable.	Affordable & premium options available. Will increase home resale value.	Very popular countertop material. Will increase home resale value.
Warranty	Typically one year for manufacturer defects only.	Typically 10-year installed warranty for labor and materials.	Local fabricator warranty - may vary.	Typically 10-year product warranty.
Brands	Formica, Wilsonart, Nevamar, Pionite	Corian, Hi-Macs, Wilsonart & others	Mother Nature, mined & imported from all over the world.	Cambria, LG Viatera, Silestone, Wilsonart
Installation	Contractors or handy homeowners can install. Requires screws & bolts at the joints.	Certified & trained installers only.	Installed by local granite experts - requires knowledge of handling & seaming.	Certified & trained installers - requires knowledge of handling & seaming.

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We're here to help! Speak with a member of our expert design team to determine what may be the best fit for your remodeling project based on your budget & kitchen design. Our showrooms are also filled with sample materials and colors on display, and the Inspiration Gallery on our website has hundreds of countertop pictures to give you ideas. Other materials may be available for your countertops, please see your designer for more information.



Other Countertop Options

Endless possibilities for your new kitchen or bath design



BUTCHER BLOCK

- ✓ Adaptable to any design style
- ✓ Adds warmth & charm
- ✗ Susceptible to stains & scratches



MARBLE

- ✓ Timeless & rich appearance
- ✓ Can increase property value
- ✗ Susceptible to stains & scratches



PORCELAIN

- ✓ High UV, stain & heat resistance
- ✓ Comes in very large sizes
- ✗ Can be very expensive



CONCRETE

- ✓ Durable & customizable
- ✗ Susceptible to stains & scratches
- ✗ Difficult & expensive to install

Complement Your Countertops

Choose a backsplash and sink to complement your design

Popular Backsplash Materials

Below are just some of the many popular options for a kitchen backsplash. It's important to pick a material that complements your kitchen design while also reflecting your unique style and taste. Your designer can help you decide which backsplash material may be best for your project and budget.



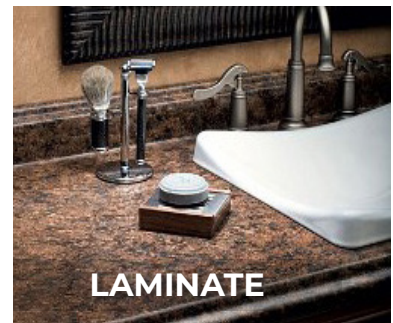
GLASS TILE



STONE TILE



NATURAL STONE



LAMINATE

Popular Sink Options

Below are some of the most popular sink options in today's home design. Some sinks are intended for certain applications or countertop materials, so it's best to check with your designer to see what the best choice is for your project.



UNDERMOUNT



FARMER/APRON



DROP - IN



INTEGRATED



VESSEL



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