

Selecting the Perfect COUNTERTOPS



Choosing the right type of countertop for your kitchen is one of the most important decisions you will make when designing the interior. Kitchens have become the most used and enjoyed spaces in our homes, which means that it is imperative to outfit them with surfaces that are durable and aesthetically pleasing. Whether you are looking to achieve a full renovation or a small facelift, kitchen countertops are crucial to creating a stylish impact in the space.





Since your horizontal surfaces are one of the most expensive investments you will make it is important to weigh all of the options for your renovation project.

Nowadays countertop choices are endless: granite, marble, engineered stone, solid surfaces and laminate. From frugal to fabulous, all options have pros and cons! The appearance of your countertop is just as important as its performance and you want to ensure that your selection appeals to both sides of the spectrum.

If you are on a budget consider laminate; some nice options on the market today mimic real stone patterns and straight edge profiles make the look quite contemporary and sleek.



When it comes to natural stone, we can categorize them into three different types:

1 Granite – one of the only natural stones that is durable enough to withstand the hustle and bustle of any kitchen! On the downside, this product has been around for many years now and is no longer the most stylish option so select your colours wisely in order to ensure a lasting appeal.

2 Natural Quartz is one notch down from granite when comparing durability; however, on the upside this material tends to be much more beautiful and closely resembles some of the exotic marbles.

3 Marble is one of the most elegant stones on the market. It is a great product for bathroom countertops and although the sheer beauty of the slabs are tempting, this material is very porous. It absorbs water, wine and acidic substances. This attractive surface stains easily and requires re-sealing and re-polishing annually.

Aside from the three natural stones, engineered stones are more popular than ever. Products like **Quartex Surfaces** are highly durable and come in a large variety of colours and styles. These man-made quartz stones are “all the hype” when it comes to kitchen design. This revolutionary and modern product is extremely durable and beautiful. It has become the industry favourite because these fabricated products are reproducing the look of some of the most exotic stones on the market, making this product not only aesthetically pleasing but also much more affordable for kitchen renovations.

At this year's 2017 Interior Design Show, I had the privilege of designing their booth and creating some unique visual displays with their latest products. **Come meet me January 21, 2017 at the Quartex Surfaces Booth #2122 from 12:30-3:30pm. Bring your kitchen and bathroom design dilemmas; I will be conducting one-on-one consultations at the show for all of your kitchen and bathroom renovation concerns.**

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