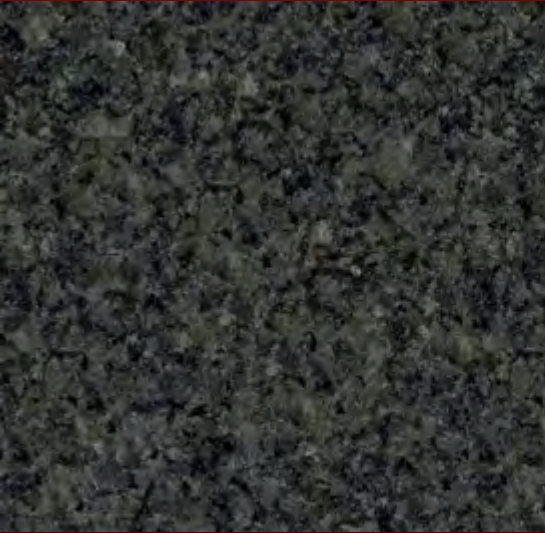


# Countertop Options

Understanding what's important to *you*.



*Countertops set the tone and personality for the entire home...*



# What's important to you when choosing a kitchen or bath countertop?

- ◇ Is it the surface color, pattern, or movement in the material?
- ◇ Are visible seams ok, or do you prefer a seamless appearance?
- ◇ Is stain resistance or low maintenance one of your priorities?
- ◇ Do you cook a lot? Is food preparation safety important to you and your family?

If you are like most home buyers, choosing the perfect countertop surface for your new living space can be a real challenge. We'd like to help you prioritize the attributes that are most important to you, and match those attributes to the countertop material that best suits your needs.

## Color... Pattern... Movement

- ◇ If color and pattern consistency are important, we recommend:
  - Solid Surface (both kitchen & bath)
  - Natural Quartz Surfacing (both kitchen & bath)
  - Engineered Marble (bath only)
- ◇ If more variation in the color, pattern, or movement is preferred, we recommend:
  - Traditional Granite (both kitchen & bath)
- ◇ If significant variation in color, pattern, or movement is preferred, we recommend:
  - Exotic Granite (both kitchen & bath)

*Note: No two countertop pieces will be alike.*

## Countertop Seams... Inconspicuous or Visible?

- ◇ For a one-piece appearance with inconspicuous seams, we suggest:
  - Solid Surface (both kitchen & bath with integral sink options available)
- ◇ If visible seams are not a design concern, we suggest:
  - Traditional Granite (both kitchen & bath)
  - Natural Quartz Surfacing (both kitchen & bath)
  - Natural Marble (bath only)
  - Engineered Marble (bath only)
- ◇ If highly visible seams are not a design concern, we suggest:
  - Exotic Granite (both kitchen & bath)

*Note: Seams will be much more obvious due to joining together of natural stones that have dramatic movement and color patterns.*

## Stain Resistance

- ◇ If you desire a surface that is non-porous, and requires no sealing, your solutions include:
  - Solid Surface (both kitchen & bath)
  - Natural Quartz Surfacing (both kitchen & bath)
  - Engineered Marble (bath only)
- ◇ Countertops that are porous and require sealing include:
  - Traditional Granite (both kitchen & bath)
  - Exotic Granite (both kitchen & bath)
  - Natural Marble (bath only)

## Food Preparation Safety

- ◇ Non-porous surfaces that do not promote the growth of bacteria include:
  - Solid Surface (both kitchen & bath)
  - Natural Quartz Surfacing (both kitchen & bath)

Knowing the characteristics of various countertop materials will assist you in making an informed decision.

**Our design consultants are here to answer your questions.**

We hope that this quick reference guide has provided you with real insight as you go through the process of selecting the right countertops for your new home. Our design consultants will work with you to find the perfect countertop solution to deliver both style and function.

