

Checklist for Choosing a Kitchen Countertop

When choosing a new countertop surface for a kitchen, the beginning steps are crucial. Begin by asking yourself some lifestyle questions:

What is the primary function of this kitchen space?

Is it used for baking? Rolling dough, food-coloring, flour flying everywhere? Or maybe experimenting with new recipes; Red sauce, oils and spices, lots and lots of dish washing.

Maybe your kitchen's primary function is as an entertainment hub; Red wine, appetizers, and always at least one friend who talks with their hands in large exaggeratory gestures.

The primary function of my kitchen space:

- ☐ Used for baking
- ☐ Recipes/cooking
- ☐ An entertainment hub
- ☐ Just a kitchen space

Who uses this space most often?

Are there primarily adults in the house at most times, or do you have young children who have many friends? Do you have a pre-teen who may hesitate to tell you about the spaghetti sauce that spilled on the countertop, and just cover it with a vase instead? Or are you passionate about hosting large dinner parties where entertainment is the goal? Do you consistently have houseguests, or do you tend to enjoy solitude in your home?

This kitchen space is most often used by:

- ☐ Adults
- ☐ Young children
- ☐ Pre-teens
- ☐ Entertain guests

And finally, what is your style?

What do you want this new countertop to say about you? Are you Traditional, Transitional, Contemporary, Modern? Maybe you're eclectic or have no idea what your style is, but you know what you like when you see it.

My style is:

- ☐ Traditional
- ☐ Transitional
- ☐ Contemporary
- ☐ Modern
- ☐ Eclectic

- ☐ I'll know it when I see it

Once you have asked yourself some of these questions, you are ready to move on to the next step: **Shopping.**

- ☐ If this is a full remodel, we suggest choosing your countertop first because chances are high that you will be choosing a natural product, which means it is very hard to match up to too many other selections.
- ☐ If you are just refreshing your home with a countertop change and have no plans to change anything else, take some pictures or other samples with you of the space your new countertop will be located.
- ☐ Be sure to bring measurements with you so that square footage of your surface can be calculated, that way, you can be given a more precise quote for your job.



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