

Creative Cabinets By Design

Kitchen Countertop Options

While it is tempting to choose a countertop based on looks alone, a materials durability, maintenance and cost are also important factors to consider when making a selection for your new kitchen. Creative Cabinets By Design offers thousands of countertop colors and options to fit your specific taste and needs.

Choosing The Right Countertop

You need to assess the way you live before you settle on a countertop choice. For instance, if you have children who are frequently spilling grape juice, a light-colored granite top may not be the best choice for your lifestyle. However, with the range of choices today, it is likely you can still achieve your look with one of the many other materials available.

Countertop Choices

Granite is available in a variety of shades – such as black, whites, greens, corals and beiges – and no two pieces are exactly the same. Costs for granite depend on many variables, including color, finish and origin of the stone. Professional installation is included in the pricing.

Other natural stone materials, like slate and soapstone, are softer than granite and require delicate use and greater care. All stone countertops must be sealed periodically.

Engineered Stone countertops come in a wider variety of colors than natural stone countertops, are more durable and are easy to maintain and do not require periodic sealing. Typically these are a quartz material and may be easier recognized by brand names like Cambria, Zodiaq and Silestone. These products tend to be colored much more uniformly than granite and the product is frequently confused for granite.

Solid Surface countertops, most commonly known as Corian, have a lot of appeal. They come in countless colors, are seamless, resist stains and scratches can be buffed out. The sink can even be molded into the countertop for a seamless installation. Costs can vary depending on color, layout, sink and backsplash options. Professional installation is included in the pricing of this surface

Wood countertops, like butcher block, come in a variety of woods and can instantly warm up a kitchen. They are easy to clean and any scratches can be sanded out. Water can damage unfinished butcher block quite easily, so unfinished wood countertops must be oiled monthly to seal the surface. High quality wood countertops come with a waterproof finish. Overall, these are a very high maintenance option.

Laminate is the most affordable countertop material on the market and comes in thousands of colors and designs. With high definition printing and textures, many of today's laminates simulate granite so well they can fool even trained eyes.

Mix And Match

Can't decide on just one material? Then mix and match surfaces. Designers often use a different material on islands than the rest of the countertops to differentiate the space. Another option is to inset another material into a countertop for specific tasks. Butcher block is common for chopping as is engineered stone for baking.