



COUNTERTOP COMPARISON CHART

	Granite	Quartz	Solid Surface	Butcherblock	Stainless Steel	Laminate
Material	100% natural stone, quarried from the earth	Man-made: 85 – 95% crushed quartz with a resin binder	Man-made from acrylic or polyester plastics	100% natural laminated wood	Man-made metal	Man-made plastic fused to a plywood backing.
Finishes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Polished - Honed - Leather 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Polished - Honed 	Satin	Oiled	Brushed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Polished - Matte - Textured
Scratch Resistant	✓	✓	No	No	No	No
Repairs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Small nicks can be filled - Large damaged areas must be replaced 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Small nicks can be filled - Large damaged areas must be replaced 	Must be repaired by a certified fabricator	Can be easily sanded out	Not easily repaired	Not easily repaired
Sink Application	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Under-mount - Self-rim 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Under-mount - Self-rim 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Integral Bowl - Under-mount - Self-rim 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Under-mount - Self-rim 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Integral Bowl - Under-mount - Self-rim 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Self-rim
Pros	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Easy to clean - Natural stone appearance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Easy to clean - Will not stain - Uniform color - Virtually maintenance free 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Seamless 	Most sanitary of countertop materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Seamless - Sanitary - Easy to clean 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Available in many colors & patterns - Least expensive
Cons	Porous - must be sealed periodically to prevent staining	Can be most expensive	Burns and scratches easily	Porous - need to periodically apply mineral oil	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Scratches easily - Dents easily 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Not easily repaired - May have seams